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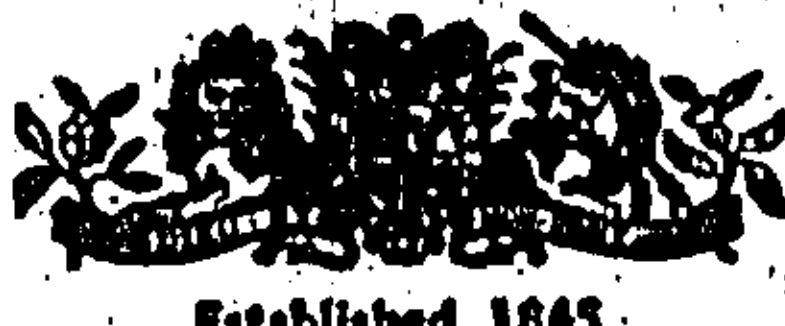
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LAST SESSION

THE United Nations General Assembly in its final week of the session and it is the most frustrating of the Assembly has yet encountered since it was inaugurated.

The high hopes which encouraged the description "Disarmament Assembly" when the 82-nation body convened on September 17, have not been fulfilled.

Far from halting the arms race, the United Nations is now faced with a Soviet threat to boycott the principal organs in which the crucial issue has been discussed for the past nine years—the Disarmament Commission and its sub-committee.

Because of this threat there is already talk, particularly among the smaller powers uncommitted in the East-West ideological struggle, of reconvening the Assembly in a special session in the New Year.

Endorsed

THE Assembly, however, has endorsed the joint Western proposal as the best basis for continued efforts at agreement in the disarmament sub-committee.

Also on the achievement side is the Assembly's decision to keep the United Nations emergency force in being and to agree to divide the cost of the world's first army among United Nations members.

But against these achievements can be set a number of debates which ended inconclusively, including the one on halting of nuclear test explosions and the Syrian charges of a Turkish military threat.

Intensified

WHILE in the opinion of experienced observers, the "anti-colonialist" note which marked the last Assembly had not been so much in evidence this time, the verbal cold war has been intensified.

Growing tensions, culminating in last year's events in Hungary and Suez, dispersed the goodwill inspired by the Geneva and Bandung conferences, and this Assembly has been marked by some of the most outspoken statements that the Russians have ever made in the United Nations.

Despite the fact that the Soviet Union can rely only on the supporting votes of eight members it was successfully leading from strength at this Assembly even before the first Sputnik heralded the dawn of the space age.

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President Eisenhower

NY Strikers
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New York, Dec. 10. A two-day-old strike by 2,600 subway motormen kept New York in a transit turmoil today.

The City dismissed some of the strikers in an effort to end a walkout branded illegal by the courts and Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

The Mayor and Governor Averell Harriman pleaded with the strikers to return to work and let New York's eight million residents go about their daily business as usual and restore the Christmas shopping rush.

IN GAOL

Four strike leaders were in gaol and a fifth was threatened with a sentence.

But the pleas and threats fell on deaf ears. The motormen held out in their fight for bargaining recognition in defiance of an anti-strike injunction.

For a time, it appeared the crisis would be heightened by a bus maintenance workers' strike. Three hundred employees of City-owned bus lines walked out this morning, but the regular force reported for the night shift to refuel and clean buses.

Unprecedented jams in traffic clogged streets in both the morning and evening rush hours. The evening rush hour began early, shortly before 4 p.m. and at 6 p.m. police reported that all approaches to every bridge and tunnel were clogged.—United Press.

Vote Of Confidence

United Nations, Dec. 10. French Foreign Minister, Christian Pineau, said today that the compromise resolution on Algeria was a "vote of confidence" in France and would not "hampster" French actions in dealing with the situation.—United Press.

Medical Report
On Health:
'Excellent'

Washington, Dec. 10. President Eisenhower will go to Paris for the Nato summit meeting, the White House announced today.

The announcement was made after Eisenhower got approval from a large staff of doctors who examined him.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President plans to leave Washington by plane on Friday afternoon, arriving at Orly Field outside Paris at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Apparently

Eisenhower, after a medical examination that lasted an hour and 20 minutes, was described medically as in "excellent" condition.

Eisenhower apparently was still suffering from a speck of difficulty dating back to the mild stroke he suffered on November 25.

Hagerty told reporters, "The difficulty in speaking has continued to improve and in ordinary conversation was almost impossible to detect, except by trained observers."

Hagerty also reported that "The President was his usual alert self and discussed in detail and with enthusiasm the coming meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation."

Recovery

Hagerty said the doctors who attended the Chief Executive today were "unanimously agreed that the President's recovery is such that it permits him to attend the Paris meeting."

The Paris meeting is scheduled to start on Monday and last through Wednesday.

He said that while the President is in Paris "he will be under the supervision of his doctors," Hagerty added, however, that he did not anticipate any "curtailment" of the Chief Executive's activities in Paris.

Hagerty told the reporters that Eisenhower has not received a "medical discharge" by his physicians, including the neurological specialists. He noted that the President will be under supervision of his doctors in Paris.

Examination

Hagerty added that the President would again undergo another neurological examination "in about a month."

Hagerty expects Eisenhower to leave Paris late next Thursday, arriving back in Washington on Friday.

Hagerty also said he expects the President to make one of the three opening statements to the Nato Council next Monday. The other speeches will be made by the heads of state of France and Luxembourg.—United Press.

Gale In Channel

Brest, Dec. 10. Huge waves lashed beaches and promenades along the Normandy and Brittany coasts today as a 60-mile-an-hour gale swept along the English Channel and its approaches.

Roads were flooded and jetties damaged.—Reuter.

Health Improving

Pretoria, Dec. 10. Mr. Johannes Strijdom, South African Prime Minister, said tonight his health was improving and the slight setback he suffered because of an influenza attack should be completely overcome by the end of the year.—Reuter.

HOUSE TO HOUSE CURFEW IN NICOSIA

Nicosia, Dec. 10. British armoured cars ringed the ancient walls of Nicosia tonight as the city began its first night of house-to-house curfew for more than nine months, following a day of violent clashes between large numbers of Cypriot-Greek, British Forces and Turkish-Cypriots.

Sir Hugh Foot, the new Governor of Cyprus, said tonight that the disturbances came as a "serious setback to my hopes of peaceful conditions and better days."

EISENHOWER'S
DECISION
HAILED
IN EUROPE

London, Dec. 10. The United States' European allies hailed President Eisenhower's decision today to attend personally the crucial Nato summit meeting in Paris.

The Washington announcement was received in London and in Western Continental capitals with high hopes for far-reaching decisions at the Paris meeting.

The President's presence at the heads of governments meeting was expected by all to give the conference a greatly needed uplift.

Diplomats in Allied capitals immediately interpreted the President's move as a strong indication of America's determination to give the Alliance a powerful boost in the face of Russia's menacing Sputnik challenge.

LEAVE ITS MARK

The belief prevailed also that Mr. Eisenhower's attendance would leave its mark on Moscow's leaders who had earlier viewed his threatening absence as a blow to the Nato alignment.

European reaction tonight was a mixture of relief and of appreciation of the President's determination to undertake the important mission despite his recent illness.

Some diplomatic observers were inclined to view the move as motivated by domestic considerations.

But the overwhelming diplomatic opinion viewed it as "a brave decision, reflecting a high sense of responsibility in one of post-war Europe's most critical phases."—United Press.

BLACK SEES
THE QUEEN

London, Dec. 10. Sir Robert Black, was received in audience by the Queen at Buckingham Palace today and kissed hands on his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong.

Sir Robert, former Governor of Singapore, was accompanied to the palace by Lady Black.—Reuter.

Liberator Dead

Budapest, Dec. 10. Pallakos - Pallavici, who liberated Cardinal Mindszenty in the Hungarian uprising in October 1956, has been executed. Budapest radio announced that he had been condemned to death by the Hungarian Supreme Court and that the sentence had been carried out.—France-Press.

IS IT REAL
OR JUST
A HOAX?

Barboursburg, Dec. 10. BABY flying saucer—A or the biggest hoax of the year—has come to earth on the bleak Yorkshire moors.

It is shaped like a heavy spinning top, weighs 35 pounds, is 18 inches across, and has untranslatable hieroglyphics on it.

The top part is made of brass and the underside is heavy copper. Its travels have ended in the hands of a solicitor.

The object is said to have come to earth on a foggy night when 48-year-old Fred Taylor and a couple of friends saw it coming slowly down, "glowing like a red ball of flame," over the moor.

Another man got to it first and wanted £200 for it. He finally sold it for £10.

"For days I have been trying to decipher the hieroglyphics," the solicitor who acquired the object from Taylor and who writes science fiction under the name of Anthony Aveni, said today.

"It might be something of scientific interest, or on the other hand it might be the biggest hoax of the year."

It is a hoax, somebody has gone to an awful amount of trouble to put it across.—China Mail Special.

RUSSIA OFFERS
TO BAN
N-TEST IF
WEST AGREES

London, Dec. 10. Russia has offered to ban nuclear testing from January 1, if Britain and the US do the same.

The offer came in an exchange between Marshal Bulganin of Russia and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India, broadcast by Radio Moscow tonight.

Mr. Nehru, in a note sent to Marshal Bulganin on November 28, called for an end to the testing on the part of the major powers.

RESPONSIBLE

Bulganin's answer, dated December 10, said the West was responsible for continuation of the tests and Russia would be willing to cease them at any time.

If the West would end tests on January 1, so would Russia, he said.

Mr. Nehru called on Russia as well as the United States to ban tests.—United Press.

Egyptian Arms
In Tunisia

London, Dec. 10. A consignment of Egyptian arms had arrived in Tunisia, Cairo radio reported tonight.

The radio said the arms were delivered yesterday, but it gave no details.

Egypt promised the arms to Tunisia after France had refused to supply them on the grounds they might fall into the hands of anti-French insurgents in neighbouring Algeria.—Reuter.

Macmillan And Interdependence

BRITAIN MUST
TAKE LEAD
IN A TEAM

London, Dec. 10. Mr Harold Macmillan declared tonight that Britain nowadays must exert her influence and authority through "membership and leadership in a team."

Mr Macmillan, giving a party political television broadcast, said that some British people felt there was something missing—"a lack of glamour, not the same excitement there used to be."

He was sure they were wrong because these people were probably thinking of one period in British history—the Nineteenth Century—and comparing that with the country's present situation in the world.

FACED FACTS

The Nineteenth Century was unique, but he urged Britons to look back over the centuries, declaring that "we have always faced the facts of the moment."

He added: "We have learned from the past and been inspired by it but we have never sat mourning about the glory that was gone."

Britain was "picking up the old thread again when we have to work with allies, organise teams, use our moral influence and draw to us all the strength we can."

He continued: "That's what I mean by the 'word interdependence.' It is in this spirit that I intend to go as Prime Minister."

ter of Britain to the Nato meeting on Friday.

"And in the same spirit immediately after Christmas I am leaving for a tour of the Commonwealth."

LEADERSHIP

Mr Macmillan then went on to refer to British successes in the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and called it a "new industrial revolution."

He commented: "So when I go to Nato on Friday, these are the two thoughts that will be all the time in my mind."

"First that Britain must take the lead as she often has done in working in a team; second, that we have the technical and scientific skill to justify our leadership."—Reuter.

Soekarno To
Speak

Djakarta, Dec. 10. President Soekarno is expected to speak on Indonesia's reprisals against Dutch interests at a mass rally in Sourabaya, West Java, on December 11.—Reuter.

BULGANIN'S

LETTER TO

EISENHOWER:

NOTHING NEW

Washington, Dec. 10. Soviet Premier Bulganin's letter to President Eisenhower calls for a meeting of the "leaders" of the Soviet Union and the West. It was stated by usually-reliable diplomatic sources tonight.

It was not immediately clear if Premier Bulganin was suggesting a summit meeting of heads of government, of foreign ministers, or a conference at another level.

State Department officials were working overtime to translate the 15-page message and to clear up what some officials described as the "fuzzy" phrases.

An Attack

The general tenor of the letter was described as an attack on Nato and on the United States for allegedly leading a drift towards war. The Soviet Premier then made his suggestion for an East-West conference to reverse the present "drift."

Officials tonight said a rough translation of the letter indicated that the Soviet Premier had offered nothing new. They regarded it as an attempt to divide the West on the eve of the Nato summit talks in Paris next Monday.—Reuter.

Dead Now

Mexico City, Dec. 10. Two workers who had suffered a mild attack of food poisoning on the job were killed today when the ambulance carrying them to the hospital crashed into a parked bus.—United Press.

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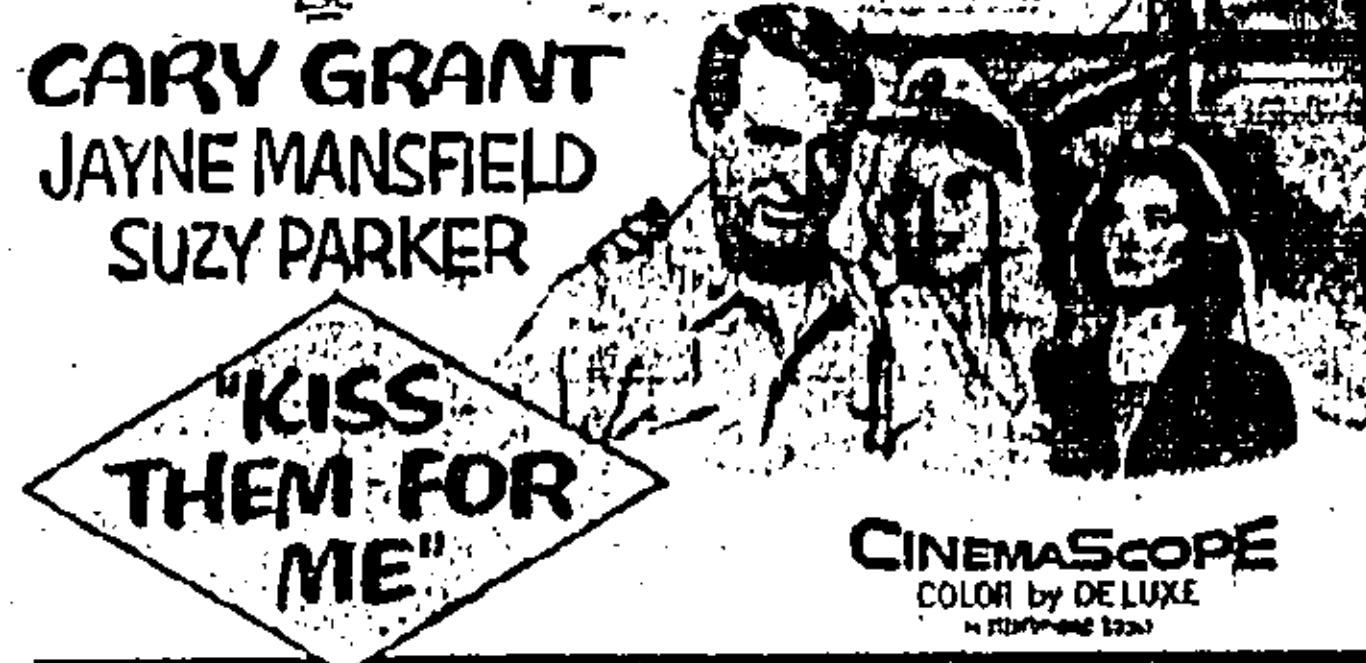
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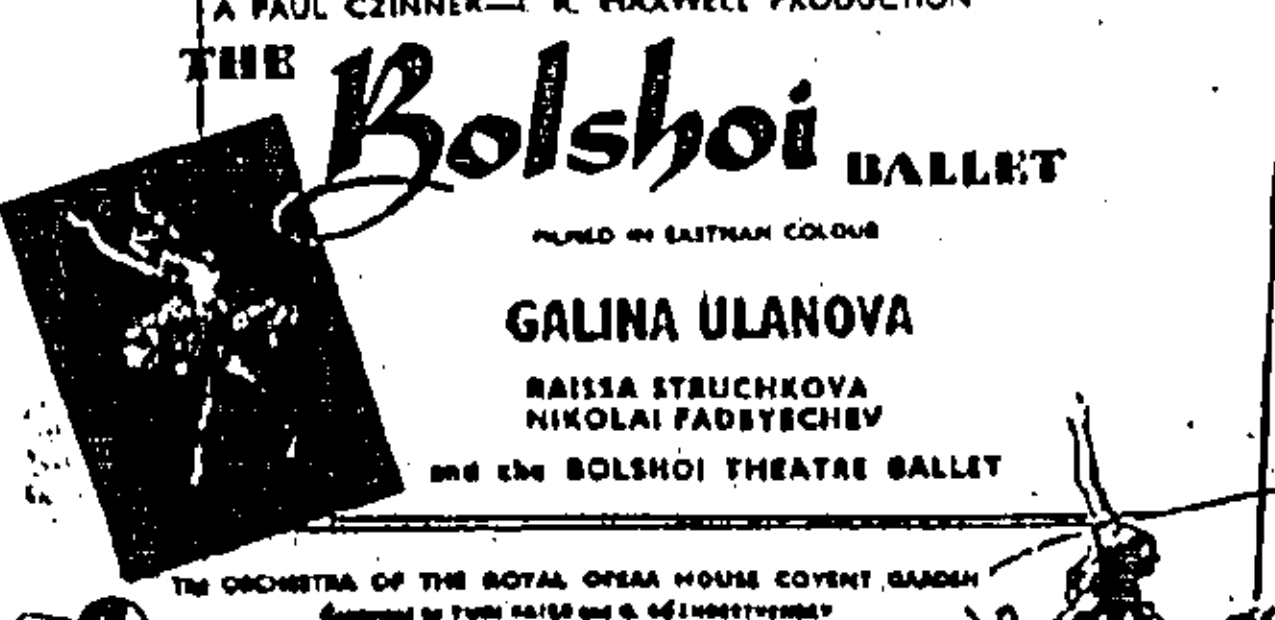
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The Rank Organisation's presentation of the Eastmancolour film of the BOLSHOI BALLET will therefore be released on a SOLO basis, in the first instance, at the LEE THEATRE in Hong Kong from to-morrow. There will be the usual 4 shows daily at normal cinema prices with concessions in prices to student and cultural groups as already announced in the press.

It is hoped that the opening of the New ASTOR THEATRE in Kowloon will not be unduly delayed in which case the BOLSHOI BALLET will open to play concurrently with the later screenings at the LEE THEATRE. Should however this not be possible the BOLSHOI BALLET will be screened early next year at the ASTOR THEATRE when it will in all probability again be repeated concurrently at the LEE THEATRE.

THE TENGKU'S FIERY ATTACK ON RUSSIA

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 10.
Soviet Russia came under attack for the first time yesterday by Malaysian Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman when he replied to an Opposition councillor's criticism of government's policy towards the Malaysian Communist Party, China and Soviet Russia.

A newly elected Federal Councillor, D. R. Seenivasagam, who was returned in a recent by-election in Ipoh, northwest Malaya, charged in his maiden speech that the government was using "brutal methods" in dealing with Chinese students in Malaya and of being influenced by the United States in its foreign policy.

He said Malaya should have recognised China and an all-Party delegation should be sent to China and Russia.

He also advocated the recognition of the Malayan Communist Party as the only way to end the guerrilla war. In an eight-page speech, Prime Minister Abdul Rahman replied to the charges in detail and delivered the most severe personal attack on a Councillor he had ever undertaken since he came to power. Rahman challenged his critic to take a trip to Russia and China and say half the things he is at liberty to say in Malaya.

Atrocities
"Mention, for instance," Rahman said, "the atrocities committed in Hungary against the Hungarians, and in China, mention what they did in Hungary to the students they shot down."
Turning to Seenivasagam, the Prime Minister said, "I am sure

Ipoh and Menglembu (constituencies which returned the Councillor) would miss their representative forever but it is the only way to illustrate the difference between democracy and Communism."
Enlarging on his offer to pay the passage of his critic to Russia and China, the Prime Minister added, "If the Malayan government refuses to pay your passage — I will, but first promise to say against the two governments what they did to the Hungarians and the students in China. Even if I have to borrow I will raise the money for his passage."

Answering Seenivasagam's question as to why Malaya did not accept Soviet Russia's and China's public declaration of friendship during the country's attainment of independence, Rahman said "Does he not realise that so many millions of dollars are being spent every year to fight the menace of Communist terrorism in this country?"

Rivalries
"Does he not realise that thousands of lives of our young men have been sacrificed to fight this menace of Communism and yet he has the impudence to ask us to extend a friendly hand to these traitors (Russia and China) who are connected with this trouble — not directly then they are morally responsible for this trouble in Malaya today?"

The Prime Minister declared that it is a matter of policy that we cannot set up diplomatic relations with those whose politics have a disturbing influence on the peace of this country.

Rahman denied that Malaya's foreign policy was stamped by the United States and Britain. He reminded his critic that Malaya's stand in the United Nations on the Dutch West Indies issue was "directly opposed to the British and definitely not in line with the neutral attitude of the Americans."

He said he realised there were two distinct political groups of countries in the world today — the Communist world and the free world.

"We ourselves in this country," Rahman said, "have been brought up in this free world and until there is this Communist trouble issue, we are free. (In Malaya) all men and women are allowed to do exactly as they like provided they keep within the limits of justice. Why should we leave the life which we are used to and in which we find happiness and prosperity — and thus freedom — to try and experiment with a life practised by the other group — Russia and China. In those countries they live a life directed and controlled by governments. They are not free to do what they like." — United Press.

Did The Space Rocket Fall To Earth In Egypt?

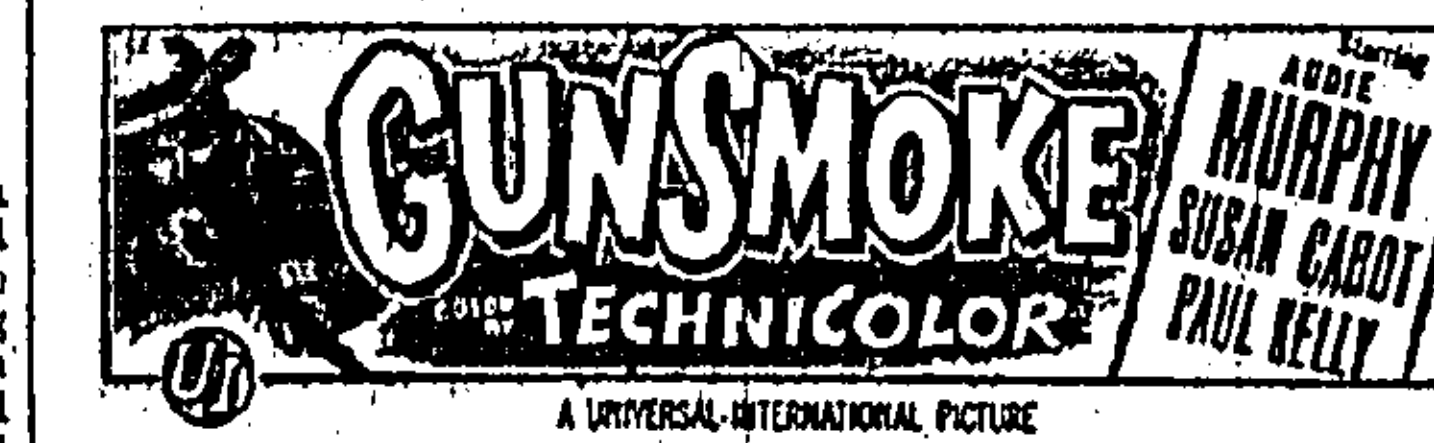
Geneva, Dec. 10.
A Swissair pilot saw what he believed to be the Soviet satellite's rocket fall flaming to earth in Egypt on December 1, it was reported here today.
The afternoon newspaper "Tribune de Geneve" said Swissair Commandant Walter Bomer was piloting a DC-6B on the Geneva-Athens-Cairo run at an altitude of 6,000 metres (17,500 feet) at 0012 GMT on December 1, about 50 kilometres from Alexandria when he saw "an enormous red ball of fire, followed by a yellowish trail, plunged down vertically at an angle of 45 degrees from the position of the plane."
The paper quoted Bomer as saying: "I was literally startled at the sight of this celestial body, and I was probably the sole witness of its fall."
"It was not a meteor, because I know them. I have frequently seen them crossing through space during my long night flights."
The pilot had already left Geneva on a new assignment when the newspaper's report came out. It could not be reached for further details. — United Press.

Chinese-Made Machinery For Egypt?

Cairo, Dec. 10.
China is seeking to sell Egypt Chinese-made machinery and factory equipment at a reduced price and payable over a long period.
The opportunity for such trade has been opened up by Egypt's industrialisation drive, accelerated by the Soviet economic aid agreement.
A two-man delegation is here from China for an eight-week stay, during which it will discuss trade prospects with industrial leaders.
In a statement to the press, the delegation said that China was ready to supply Egypt with complete factories and machinery needed for light and heavy industries "within the framework of the country's five-year industrialisation programme."
The factories could be provided in the "shortest time possible, at a very reduced value compared with Western prices and under a long term payment agreement." — France-Press.

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US Rocket Bases In West Germany?

Berlin, Dec. 10.
Mr. Neil McElroy, United States Defence Secretary, said here today he would not bring up for discussion the question of rocket bases in West Germany when meeting Herr Franz-Joseph Strauss, his West German counterpart, on Thursday.
He told reporters at an airport press conference before leaving after a five-hour visit to Berlin: "Without doubt the question of bases for intermediate range ballistic missiles will come up at the Nato meeting."
Mr. McElroy declined to comment on the desirability of having such bases on German soil.

PROBLEM

Asked why he talked over the problem of bases with British officials but would not do so in West Germany, he said that the question of bases in Britain had been decided upon a year ago at Bermuda (when the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan met President Eisenhower).
In answer to another question he said that a U.S.-British agreement on these bases would be signed shortly. "Discussions are now in the final stages and should be completed within a short time. I know of nothing that could be expected to interfere with a successful conclusion of the agreement," he said.
He said the matter of stationing rockets in Berlin had not yet come up. "If it does, Nato will have to decide."

PATROLS

Asked whether U.S. plans on patrol flights in Europe carried H-bombs outside Britain he replied: "I am unprepared to discuss that subject."
Of the unsuccessful U.S. Vanguard rocket project he said his department "naturally was disappointed at the failure of the United States earth satellite to be launched." But he felt this did not reflect on American ability to produce long-range missiles. — Reuter.

Syrian Envoys Expelled

Amman, Dec. 10.
The Jordanian government has ousted three Syrian Embassy officials, it was learned today.
The Syrians are Othman Kiwan and Mar Ma Adnan, political attachés at the Embassy, and Mouawafak Kowaly, an Embassy secretary.
Official sources said the three Syrians left for Damascus today. — United Press.

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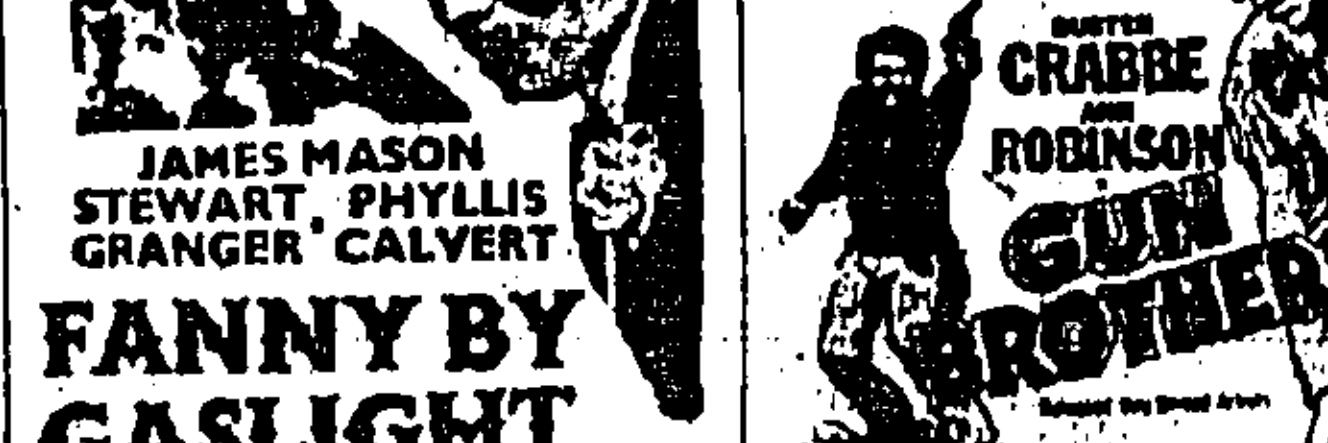


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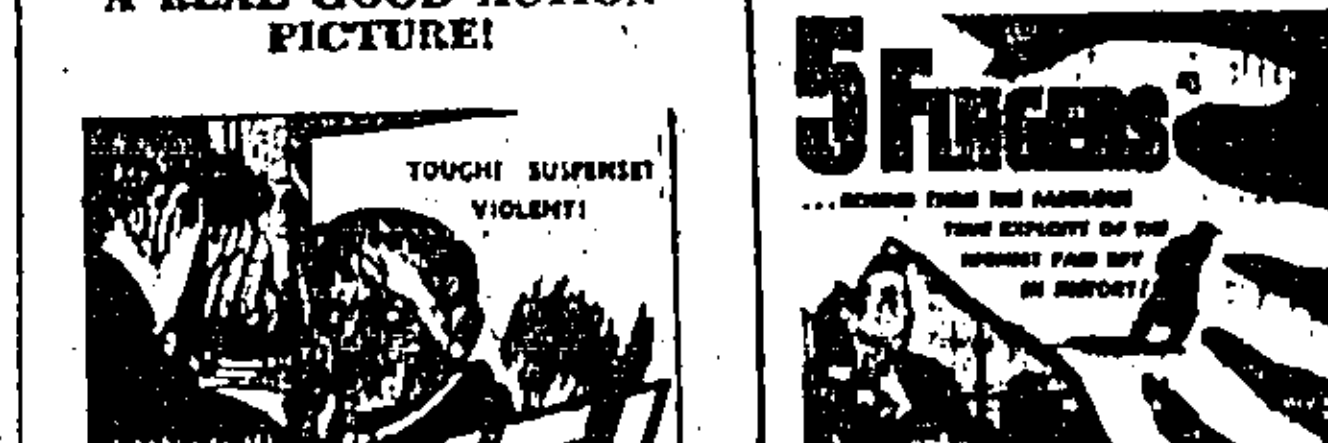
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All Quiet At Embassy

Ottawa, Dec. 10.
Police today reported "all quiet" at the Indonesian Embassy after yesterday's bombing threat, but added that a 24-hour watch on the building will be continued for the next few days.
Police said they had stationed officers at the Embassy building throughout the night and that a man is still guarding the place. Reports from the scene, an officer said, were that there was "nothing new." — United Press.

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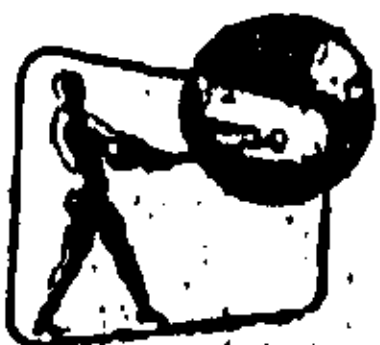
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UN Confirms Rejection Of Hungary's Credentials

New York, Dec. 10. The United Nations General Assembly today confirmed rejection of the Hungarian Delegation's credentials.

The Assembly voted by 77 to 1 with no abstentions to uphold its credential committee's action on refusing to accept the Hungarian credentials. Hungary was the only nation voting against.

The rest of the Soviet bloc, while objecting to the portion of the credentials committee report which dealt with Hungary, voted in favour of the report as a whole.

Speaking in the debate, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, accused the United States of "intervening in the affairs" of his country.

NO RIGHT

The United Nations had no right, either, to interfere in the affairs of a member nation, he said. The committee's decision was such interference, he added.

Mr. James Wadsworth of the United States said that the United Nations Committee on the Hungarian Problem had found that the present Hungarian government was imposed by the armed intervention of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Arkady Sobolev of the Soviet Union then protested against the exclusion of the Hungarian regime from the United Nations. He said it was an absurd situation that the Chinese seat should be occupied by "people who represent nobody but themselves."

Mr. Sobolev said his delegation "objects emphatically" to the committee's finding on the Hungarian representatives.

NO GROUNDS

"There is no ground whatever to call in question the credentials of the People's Republic of Hungary which were issued and presented in accordance with established procedures," he said. The delegation was the only representative of the Hungarian government, which was legally set up.

"The twofold and hypocritical policy of the United States is particularly blatant in this case," he said. While the United States delegation in the United Nations refused to recognise the Hungarian delegation, the State Department maintained a liaison in Budapest, he added.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon of India said he had no desire to repeat arguments on "the unrealistic position of the Assembly in regard to the representation of China."

Turning to Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, the Assembly president, Mr. Menon said: "I am not without hope that your own country will support us next year."—Reuter.

Last Year's Uprising in Budapest Recalled Hungary, Russia Refuse UN Request

Prince Wan Barred From Visiting Moscow, Budapest

New York, Dec. 10.

Prince Wan Waihayakon of Thailand, the United Nations Special Representative on the Hungarian problem, told the world organisation today that the Soviet and Hungarian governments had refused to discuss the Hungarian question with him and had refused to allow him to visit either Moscow or Budapest.

Prince Wan, who was President of the General Assembly at its last session, was appointed as its special representative at the end of a special session in September, in which the plenary body took up the report of the special committee on last year's Hungarian uprising. His tasks were to try to open negotiations with the Hungarian and Soviet governments to obtain assurances of the humane treatment of those who had been deported to the Soviet Union, the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary and free elections in Hungary.

In his first report today, Prince Wan said he had approached Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Imre Horvath, the Hungarian Foreign Minister and Mr. Endre Sik, the first deputy Foreign Minister of Hungary, in an attempt to open discussions on these questions.

He said he had first appealed to Mr. Gromyko for the humanitarian treatment of Hungarians and Mr. Gromyko had replied that the matter "did not concern the Soviet government."

False Story?

Prince Wan said he had then appealed to Mr. Gromyko for the return of Hungarians deported to the Soviet Union.

"His reply was that the deportations were a made-up story and that the item on Hungary constituted an interference in internal affairs and was 'illegitimate'; he could not discuss it," Prince Wan reported.

Prince Wan said he had then offered to pursue the discussion with Mr. Gromyko in Moscow and the Soviet Foreign Minister had replied that that he could not discuss the Hungarian item.

"I made a similar approach to the Foreign Minister of Hungary, by making a humanitarian appeal for more lenient treatment of prisoners, of persons detained in concentration camps, and of persons awaiting trial and for due judicial process in trials, for admission of students to universities without discrimination, and so on, and finally for an amnesty for political offenders."

Rights

"His reply was that these were matters for the Hungarian government to determine by virtue of its sovereign rights. But I pointed out that that did not preclude an exchange of views in the United Nations as a centre for harmonising the actions of nations."

"Finally, he said that if I would draw up a memorandum enumerating the questions on which I wanted information, he would supply the information. 'I said that I would do so, and I also mentioned that I could proceed to Budapest to pursue the discussion with him. His reply was that, as the Hungarian government could not admit observers from the United Nations, they could not give me a visa.'

Prince Wan said Mr. Horvath told him on Oct. 23 that he was returning to Budapest and that he could see Mr. Sik who, however, would not be able to answer questions on Hungary because the Hungarian government considered the General Assembly's resolution on Hungary to be illegal."

Instructions

The Thai diplomat said that when he saw Mr. Sik on Nov. 15, he had confirmed that Mr. Horvath had instructed him not to accept the memorandum of questions but had agreed to ask his government for further instructions.

Subsequently on Dec. 2, Mr. Sik had informed him that the Hungarian government had confirmed its former attitude and would not negotiate "on a matter which was an internal affair of Hungary."

Mr. Sik had told him that he could not, therefore, accept the memorandum of questions, Prince Wan said.

Prince Wan said that he had been aware of the difficulties with which he was likely to be confronted, but had been hopeful that an appeal to one of the essential purposes of the United Nations — humanitarianism — would meet with a favourable response.

He "regretted" that he had not been able to find an opportunity for negotiations. "I cannot believe, however, that the Hungarian and Soviet governments will remain insensitive to the voice of world opinion and the conscience of mankind which continues to make an insistent and righteous appeal for the freedom of the Hungarian people," he added.

"It is my hope, therefore, that as the international tension relaxes, I would be given an opportunity to assist in establishing full international co-operation in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Hungary."

Prince Wan said he had had no occasion to consult with the General Assembly's Special Committee on Hungary because no question involving the Committee had been raised.—Reuter.

A NEW WORLD SPEED RECORD BY USAF?

San Francisco, Dec. 10. Air Force spokesmen said unofficially they believed an F-101A McDonnell Voodoo fighter-bomber had streaked to about 1,190 miles an hour today, which would be a new world speed record.

But the spokesmen said they wouldn't know definitely until later today if the plane, which streaked over a measured straightaway at this desert base during the morning, had cracked the mark now held by the British at 1,132 miles an hour.

An Air Force officer said: "We are holding up announcement now because we are examining the data to see what speed was reached and whether any of the strict record run rules were violated during the flight."

Maj. Adrian E. Drew of the 27th Fighter-bomber Wing, of Bergstrom AFB, Texas, made the record attempt. The flight, dubbed "Operation Fireball," called for Maj. Drew to take his swept-wing, twin-jet over a measured 10.1-mile straightaway course in both directions to offset winds. The course has 65-mile approaches.

The present world mark was set by L. P. Twiss who flew a British-built research plane, the Fairey Delta, to the record speed in March, 1956.—United Press.

British Success In Nuclear Research: Macmillan's Report To Commons

London, Dec. 10.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, said today that "promising results" had been obtained from Zeta, a machine used at the Harwell Research Establishment for experiments to control thermo-nuclear fusion.

A Labour Member, Mr. Roy Mason, had asked in the House of Commons how far the "Harwell successes" in taming the Hydrogen Bomb for peaceful purposes had been denied publicity by the Joint American declassification committee.

Mr. Macmillan replied that the general state of progress of work on controlled thermo-nuclear reactions remained as explained on November 11. He went on: "Promising results have been obtained in the apparatus Zeta but the interpretation of these will take time."

Mr. Macmillan said the proposal of the American committee for declassification of certain categories of information were now being considered. If they were accepted, it would be possible to make public more details about the work now going on in both countries.

HUGE TANK

Zeta—zero energy, thermo-nuclear energy—is a huge tank mounted over a mass of electrical equipment. Its purpose is to produce temperatures high enough to fuse the mixture of gases it contains and release energy.

As its main fuel, heavy hydrogen, can be extracted from the sea, the world's fuel problems might eventually be solved if experiments are successful.

The progress report on the work of Zeta, referred to by Mr. Macmillan, was given on November 11 by Mr. Reginald Maudling, the Paymaster-General.

TEMPERATURES

Mr. Maudling said that Zeta was now operating. Discharges through heavy hydrogen gas had yielded very high temperatures.

Experiments were going on to identify the source of the accompanying neutron emission which probably arose from thermo-nuclear reactions, but might possibly be due to other complex nuclear processes.

Though the successful operation of Zeta was an important step forward, many major problems remained to be solved before the practical application of thermo-nuclear reactions could be considered. The work must be expected to continue.

BAN ON TRAVEL IS 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL'

Washington, Dec. 10.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) asserted today that the State Department ban on travel of Americans to certain areas abroad is unconstitutional.

The ACLU gave its views in a brief submitted to the State Department's Board of Passport Appeals on behalf of William Worthy Jr., reporter for the Baltimore Afro-American.

The Department denied Worthy's application for renewal of his passport when he returned from a trip to Hungary and China, which were off limits to most travelling Americans.—United Press.

"I'm Not A Terrorist, I Just Wanted To Kill A Traitor"

—Says An Algerian

Paris, Dec. 10.

Mohammed Ben Sadok, 26-year-old Algerian plumber on trial in Paris for killing Ali Chekkal, Vice-President of the Algerian Assembly, declared in court today that he was not a "terrorist" and disapproved of terrorist acts.

Ben Sadok testified: "If I were really a terrorist, I would have set off a bomb at Colombes Stadium. But I was careful to injure nobody but the man I was aiming at and I wanted to kill him because I personally considered him a traitor."

Chekkal, a former member of the French delegation at the United Nations, was killed as he was leaving a French Cup football game last May at Colombes. In the crowd was President Rene Coty.

REBEL GROUP

Today's session, the second day of the trial, was devoted to questioning of the defendant and other witnesses. The prosecution attempted to prove that Ben Sadok killed Chekkal on orders of the National Liberation Front (FLN) on outlawed Algerian rebel group.

Ben Sadok said: "I have never concealed my sympathies for the FLN, but I have never been a member. I took my decision myself after having thought it over."

Jacques Soustelle, former Governor-General of Algeria, testified that he was a close friend of Chekkal, who, he said, "was proud to be French, but also a Moslem and an Algerian."

He praised Chekkal's courage. Soustelle said that Chekkal had "contributed much, particularly among American public opinion, in dissipating the myth of identification of the FLN with the Algerian Moslem population."—France-Press.

ANOTHER TRY AT HIMALAYAS

London, Dec. 10.

A team of officers from all three British services and from Pakistan will attempt "one of the highest unclimbed peaks in the Himalayas" next spring, the Admiralty stated tonight.

They will be led by Captain Michael Banks, of the Royal Marines, a member of the British North Greenland expedition of 1952/54, and the Anglo-American Kakakorum expedition in the Himalayas last year.

The team, of seven officers, hope to carry out a scientific survey in the Hilepar Glacier area of Western Pakistan, and to attempt to climb Disdaghil Sar, a 25,668-ft peak.—Reuter.

Soprano Dies

Milan, Dec. 10.

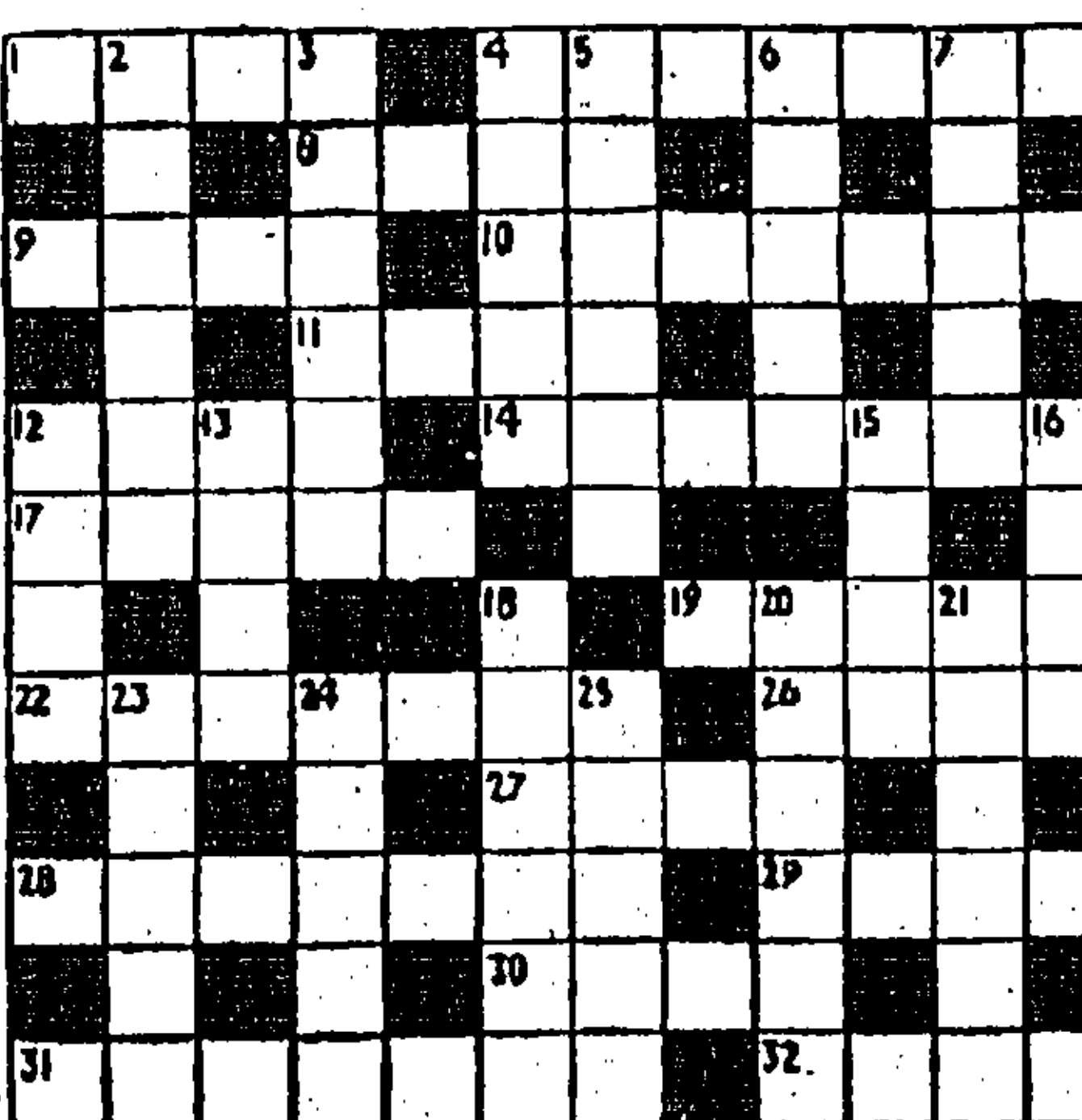
Noted Italian Soprano Carmen Toschi Carpi, 74, died at her home here today following a long illness.—United Press.

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or someone

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best will do!

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Volcano (4).
 - Doing a bunk (7).
 - Dance movement (4).
 - They may be up to mischief (4).
 - Restricted in business (7).
 - Jot (4).
 - Guy (4).
 - Fashionable (7).
 - Diffuse (5).
 - Modern plane wing shape (3).
 - Poultry stuff (7).
 - It conducts current (4).
 - Indulge in an orgy (7).
 - Divisible by 2 (4).
 - Possible contents of a nose-bag (4).
 - Reply please (7).
 - Drinks for kiddies (4).
- DOWN**
- The piper's son! (6).
 - Lend a hand (6).
 - Christies round the waist (5).
 - It could send you to sleep (6).
 - Experimental ordeal? (5).
 - These are just what you want (5).
 - It's proverbially sound (4).
 - Write your name, please (4).
 - Wasting time (4).
 - The cool don't lose it (4).
 - Spleen time? (6).
 - First born (6).
 - Gift of money? (6).
 - Just ridiculous (5).
 - Journalist's favourite ladies (5).
 - Awe (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Scrum, 5. Brief, 8. Gonna, 9. Canter, 10. Lived, 11. Dross, 12. Edge, 13. Tests, 18. Secede, 19. Dearest, 20. Steam, 21. Firm, 23. Spate, 25. Trail, 26. Appear, 27. Berle, 28. Jeers, 29. Nestle. Down: 1. Secretes, 2. Romance, 3. Aged, 4. Merrier, 5. Bolster, 6. Rained, 7. Exiled, 14. Sediment, 15. Submerge, 16. Samples, 17. Certain, 18. Easter, 21. Torso, 24. Ecco.

LEON LAY

The most pushing woman in London



I SAID slightly more than half in jest—to Madame Nicole Milinair: "You should be the next Prime Minister of France. Your country needs a woman like you."

As though on cue, the band in the restaurant introduced a few bars of "La Marseillaise" in its fancy orchestration of "I Love Paris."

Madame Milinair did not stand up. She smiled one of her wide, smiles and said—slightly less than half in jest, I think—"Perhaps I should be. You pay me a great compliment. But I am too busy with my own work."

The New Bosses

SHE is so busy, I gathered, that she could not even take the few weeks off to serve the usual term as French Prime Minister.

She is the executive producer of a series of TV films, "Dick and the Duchess," now shooting in British studios.

She should not be confused with Hannah Weinstein, who is the executive producer of the Robin Hood TV series. Which raises the question of why women should have emerged as executive producers of the most successful TV series.

Madame Milinair, I can tell you, has all the assets for executive producer—prudence or prime ministerial.

She is an obviously capable woman. A woman of judgment and foresight. A woman who can handle people—and men. A woman who can probably be ruthless in business when necessary. A self-sufficient woman (if there is such a being). A dominant woman. A practical woman (though most Frenchwomen are).

If she were American, she would be a frightening specimen, a dreadful daughter of the other revolution. But fortunately only her accent, when she speaks English, is American.

She is saved by Gallic graces.

She still manages to have femininity. And charm, Grace. And wit. A sharp, mordant wit.

And, of course, she is chic—"Certainly I always wear Balmain when I'm working at the studios. Why not? I'm not an electrician."

She is not a beauty, faded or unfaded. But she is maturely attractive. She looks a bit like Doris Day, with similar blonde hair, but minus freckles and plus a subtle grey eye.

I told Madame Milinair I thought she was a remarkable amalgam, a walking paradox of womanhood.

"In the studios I give the orders and I expect to be obeyed. I work hard myself and I work fast. I expect the people I employ to do the same."

"I can dictate letters to my secretary and read production schedules at the same time."

"But in the evening after I leave the studios I become the woman. And I try to please, to please the man, I try to be submissive. And sweet." She did not need help.

"You must come and see me one day at the studios."

I said I was happy I was meeting her outside the studios in the submissive evening. She apologised for the fact that she had chosen the French restaurant where we were, of course, dining and had chosen the meal and wines.

"I do not want to take the male prerogative. But you see I am very particular about what and where I eat. You can decide where we have liqueurs."

Over brandies I talked about some of London's prominent, successful, dominant women, including Mrs. Barbara Cart-

Each week seeking out the fresh and offbeat personalities—wherever they are

land, and daughter Mrs. Gerald Lodge, who leaps from sewage inspection to gilded party-going. And Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, who has pushed open a door in the Palace.

Also Edith Summerskill, who chooses to call her daughter by her maiden, not married, name. I suggested that if they and Madame Milinair got together and combined forces (perish the thought) the men would have to leave town.

Her Motives

MADAME MILINAIR looked a bit hurt and said: "But I am not really ambitious for myself."

"I am not ambitious for money. (She has, however, succeeded in making enough to maintain flats in London and Paris, a chalet in Switzerland, and a large country house near Paris.)"

"I only want to do things for the sense of achievement I get when I do them well."

Her future achievements are undecided.

"Maybe I'll make more TV films. Maybe I'll make a feature film. But maybe I'll try something else. Like politics."

She cannot, of course, try to be Prime Minister of England.

The Vital Revolution

I say that nowhere has change brought greater riches

THE land is fair. I stood a few days ago on a hill in Somerset watching the chequered pattern of the fields, the dark ploughed land, the rich meadows.

It was very lovely. But then, it does not matter where you go in these islands—each county has its own beauty. And the picture is much the same these days.

It is a well-cared-for land.

The hedges are trim. The cattle are sleek. The gales are in good order. The cottages are well roofed. The farmhouses are prosperous.

And the people who care for the land look sturdy, self-reliant, and as cheerful as you will find a people who are not famous for showing emotion.

Of course, it would be wrong to paint an idyllic picture. There are still backward areas. There are still bad patches in the best of counties. But the land is fair. And the general picture is one of solid progress.

And that is revolutionary. It is hard to realise now how neglected the land was. How poverty-stricken the farmers and their labourers. How ignorant they were. How hopeless they were.

It will seem to historians of the future one of the most extraordinary chapters in our history—the murder of our agriculture.

And yet when around 1880 the new lands began to send cheap food here, neither party stirred a finger to help.

Land fell out of cultivation. The quality of livestock fell. The young men left for the city or for overseas. It was as if a terrible blight had struck the land.

I doubt if these islands had been as neglected since the great invasions.

In the eighteenth century and in the first half of the nineteenth, Britain had led the world in agriculture. The great improvers invested money, brain, and energy into the land.

Landowners came from as far away as Russia to find out how our yields were so high. They bought our cattle and our horses.

And then it was all over from 1880 onwards the land became nothing more than a sportsman's preserve. And the sportsman was generally a townsman who used the country to rest and to enjoy the social prestige that ownership of land still gave.

Forgotten again

THE threat of starvation caused by the German U-boats in the First War galvanised the Government into activity. The farming community, so long despised, was bribed, cajoled, entreated, and commanded to produce.

It did extraordinarily well. But when the peace came, the land was forgotten again.

Not just its economic future. Not just its future in time of danger. But its future as a spiritual entity.

And, to give a practical value to these considerations, the economists pointed out that by the dissipation of our foreign exchange reserves during the war we should have to produce more of our own food, whatever the cost.

Not quite forgotten, perhaps. There were a few men in Westminster who began to raise their voices. There were a few enthusiasts in every county.

Mainly, however, the services of the farming community were unrecalled. Governments of all complexions preferred to import cheap food—from the Argentine, from Denmark, from Poland, even from China—rather than support our land.

And then came the Second War.

Reborn

ONCE more a Government asked the farmers and their men to save the nation from hunger.

Once more the farmers and their men responded magnificently.

But, this time, the climate of opinion had changed.

The work of the new pioneers, the work of the enthusiasts, was not in vain.

There was an increasing realisation that a nation that is neglecting its land is also neglecting its soul and its future.

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And, to give a practical value to these considerations, the economists pointed out that by the dissipation of our foreign exchange reserves during the war we should have to produce more of our own food, whatever the cost.

Since then, the men and women who live on the land have been able to look ahead. They have been provided with a livelihood through guaranteed markets and prices.

They have been given facilities to borrow capital. They have been provided through the Ministry of Agriculture with advice and exhortation—many of the farmers believe with an embarrassment of advice and exhortation.

But still, it is better than neglect.

The farmers and their men could have accepted all this new help cynically. They had reason to feel bitter.

But instead they have made a genuine effort. They have carried through a renascence of the land which can rank among the great achievements of our race.

They have brought power to the land.

We now have the most mechanised agriculture in the world.

The horse has disappeared as an instrument of work, and has been replaced by horse-power. Though that lovely animal has reappeared triumphantly as an instrument of grace and beauty.

The great companies that have created the machinery—the tractors, the combine harvesters, and all the ancillary machinery—have done more than make a profit by selling.

Through enlightened self-interest they have also created a desire in the farming community for the latest machinery and given facilities for men to be trained in its use.

The application of power to agriculture has not only increased profitability. It has demanded a higher type of labour. It has made of every worker a mechanic. It has decreased the need for the old back-breaking hand labour.

It has improved the status of the farm worker in a way that social legislation might never have done. It is as big a revolution as the end of serfdom or villeinage.

The value

THE land is not to be neglected without danger. Deprived, it will be sulky and sour. Frustrated it will make returns.

And now that labour and capital and skill and science have been put into the land it has responded.

As for that unknown factor, love of the land, that, there has always been, and has also given returns. Returns not only of profit. But returns in the balance of our national life. In the quality of our thinking. In the quality of our sons and daughters.

It is worth stressing the great educational work that the farming community have accomplished. We were so far behind that we were almost peasants.

There was so little money in the land that the status of peasantry was almost confirmed.

The Danes knew so much more. The Dutch knew so much more. The Germans knew more. So did the Americans. So did the Australians. The New Zealanders, the Canadians.

But the farming community learned—from the technical Press, from the agricultural colleges, from the universities, from the research centres set up officially. And the National Farmers' Union, has done a great job. The young farmers' clubs have also spread knowledge and enthusiasm.

Inevitably, some of the enthusiasm and some of the money has been wasted.

But, by and large, now the industry is progressing on sound lines.

There is still much work to be done.

The need

THERE is still need of immense amounts of capital to make up for the past and enable our agriculture to keep up with the present.

And capital is not all that easy to get these days. Although it is not only agriculture that is finding capital difficult to raise and expensive to maintain.

But the spirit is there. And the foundations have been laid. And it is doubtful if any Government will ever be stupid enough to change the basic policy of supporting the agricultural interests.

But the land is fair. It is now fertile, well cared for, and has the respect it traditionally had—and which it should never have been deprived of.

Radio and television, the car and the bus and the telephone have destroyed the loneliness and the remoteness from the discussion of affairs.

And yet the traditional pleasures—the beauty, the peace, the calm, the inner satisfaction, the quiet talk and the warmth and pleasure of the inn—remain.

It is a good life. Still hard. But now again, worthwhile. Our land is fair.

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The Oyster has come a long way since Mercedes Gleits made world headlines in 1927 by swimming the English Channel with an Oyster on her wrist. Perhaps even Mr. Wilsdorf did not dream in 1927

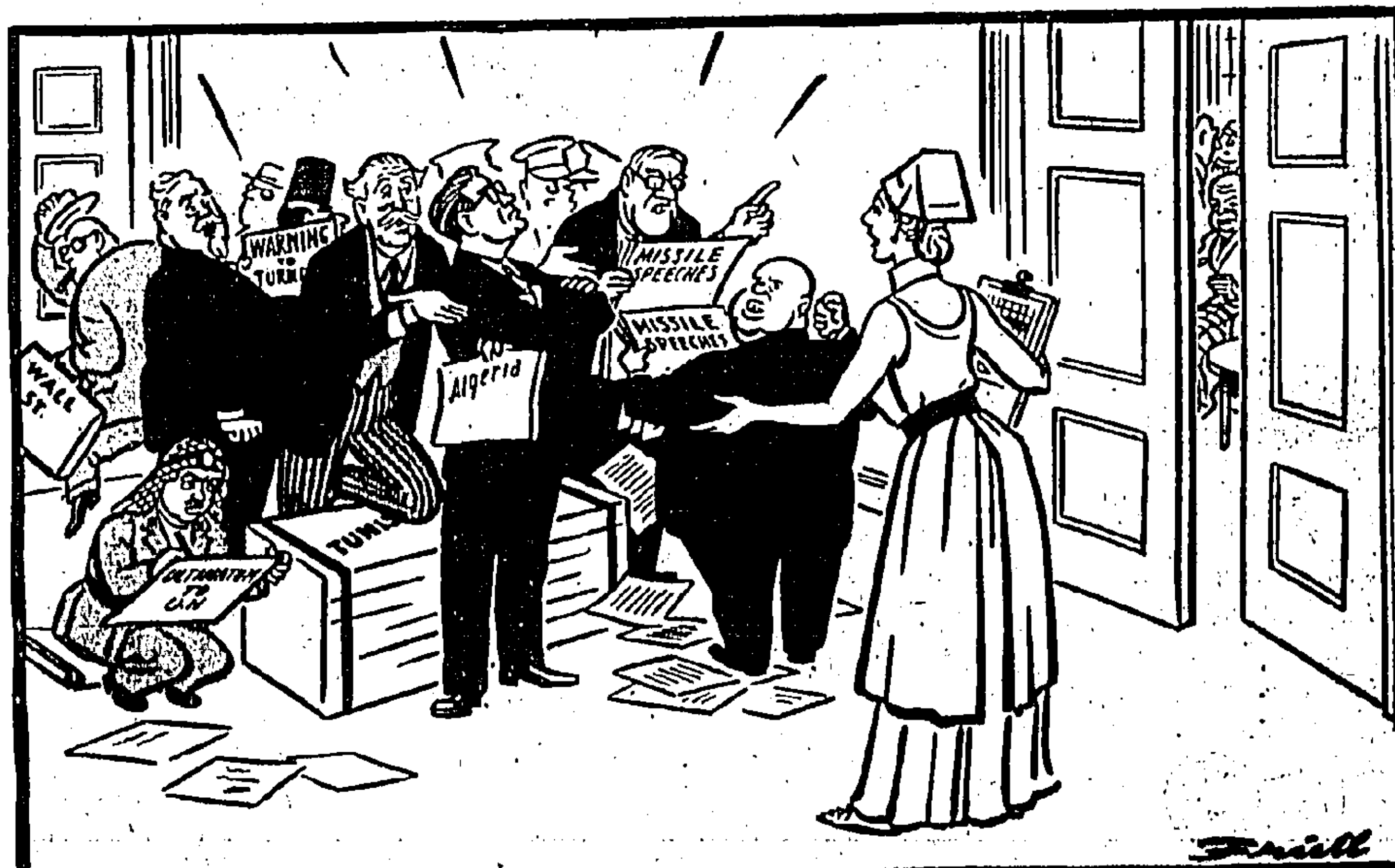
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London Express Service

In Fine Style

COMBINED CHINESE WIN 4-1

Services Outclassed In Victory Shield Match

By I. M. MacTAVISH

A large crowd gathered at the Club Stadium last night and saw the Combined Chinese beat the Combined Services by 4 goals to 1 in the Victory Shield.

There were moments of excitement and occasional brilliant bursts of pattern-weaving football, but strangely enough the most vivid recollections will be of the unexpected incidents which marred the closing stages and during which one Services player had his name taken by the referee and two others were spoken to in very stern manner. Why the referee allowed one of them to remain on the field will long remain a mystery to those who saw the game.

Having said all that — and I repeat that the conduct of the Services players, however graced they may have felt, was most reprehensible, let me explain that the unsatisfactory ending to the game was the outcome of a difficult decision by Referee Dalgetty which will be discussed, argued and chewed over for a long time.

The incident happened late in the second half when goalkeeper Lau Kin-cheung was challenged while in possession of the ball. He tried to avoid the charge, but somehow he got a knock on the face and fell to the ground.

The referee apparently detected no infringement by either of the Services players who were involved and he certainly did not blow his whistle when the goalkeeper went to the ground. One of the Services players retrieved the ball as it slipped from the fallen goalkeeper's grasp and kicked it into the net.

Later Movement

While this later movement was in progress the referee must have blown his whistle for the team officials of the Combined Chinese side were racing across the playing pitch to attend to Lau Kin-cheung.

The goalkeeper was unable to continue immediately and Szeto Yiu prepared to take his place between the posts... but when it was seen that the referee was intending to drop the ball where the goalkeeper lay there was a Service outburst.

Whatever the right or wrong of the referee's decision, the scene that followed was no credit to these Services players involved and it ended with Mendum having his name entered in the wee black book.

That was the first of three late incidents and a few minutes after Mendum's booking Poole after a very stern warning from the referee after an infringement.

ment on Ho Cheung-yu. This incident developed into a deplorable exhibition of rank bad sportsmanship and after a heated and belligerent outburst Henderson was taken away to one side. It looked as though he was about to receive his marching orders, but after a long lecture he was allowed to continue.

It was a thousand pities that the game should end on this sort of discordant note, for until the sudden flare-up of feeling it had been played in fine spirit.

The Chinese boys were worthy winners. They had all the elements of cohesion and understanding that were sadly lacking in the Services side. The real difference between the two teams was in the inside forward positions. With Ho Cheung-yu and Yiu Cheuk-yin made their opposite numbers look crude, slow and very fifth rate indeed. Ho and Yiu could feel and carry, plot and plan and when the chance arose they could shoot hard and true at the goal. The Services inside men lacked these attributes.

Ho Cheung-yu again coaxed Chu Wing-wah into his old time form and on the other side of the field the venerable partnership between Mok Chun-wah and Yiu Cheuk-yin often produced the sort of brilliant inter-passing that was once the hallmark of their game.

Final Effort

It is almost certain that the appearance of McNeil in the Combined Services goal added a few thousand spectators to the crowd, but the goalkeeper got little chance to reproduce his thrilling performance of last Sunday as the loosely knit Services defence was unable to force the Chinese into long range attack. Time after time the oncoming forwards carried the ball close to McNeil before making their final effort.

This meant close range stuff and while the goalkeeper made many daring clearances — one fearless first-half dive at Yiu Cheuk-yin's feet was particularly hazardous — he was seldom given the opportunity to indulge in the spectacular leaps and dives which thrilled the crowd last week-end, but he had no chance with the shots that beat him.

Au Chi-yin headed his side into the lead when the game was only five minutes old and for a time the Chinese boys forced the opposition on to the defensive and they looked likely to add to their score. Instead, however, it took a brilliant dive by Lau Kin-cheung to stop a Mahoney drive from putting the sides on level terms again... and the Services inside right had bad luck a little later when he smacked the ball against the Chinese crossbar... but he should have scored.

Those escapes merely served to rouse the Combined Chinese to greater effort and Ho Cheung-yu headed their second goal after a good opening had been made by Au Chi-yin.

Mok Chun-wah came into the picture a couple of minutes later when he raced downfield and crashed a tremendous drive past McNeil... only to find a linesman's flag held high to signify — absolutely correctly — that he was offside.

Some delightful inter-passing preceded the scoring of The Combined Chinese' third goal and Chu Wing-wah made a fine job of the final effort by leaving McNeil helpless with a well placed angular shot.

Much Better Form

The Services struck better form after the interval and while they could never match the individual skills of the Chinese boys they certainly gave a very wholesome account of themselves.

The game swung from end to end and the evening's best bit of combined play from the Services side brought them a goal. Several players had a hand in the movement and when McDowell cut the ball back from the line Henderson drove it brilliantly into the net.

The Services boys tried hard to reduce the deficit still further, but the compact Chinese defence held firm and soon they had once again assumed the upper hand.

The two sides played some really attractive football with the Chinese forward elements always suggesting that they were the more likely to score. It was no real surprise therefore when Ho Cheung-yu cut through the Services defence before pushing the ball wide of McNeil and into the net although Mok Chun-wah was on the spot to make sure the ball finished up in the right place.

The Services immediately swung back into the attack and the game went ahead at a lively pace with the spectators getting plenty to shout about. Both sides had chances to score but failed. Then the unexpected flash of fire swept through the Services side and the match finished on an unpleasant note which was completely out of keeping with the good grace that went before it.

The Chinese side played well throughout and there was not a weak link in the line-up. Ho Cheung-yu and Kwok Kom-hung were the stars.

The Combined Services had a general looseness in their ranks and they might have lost more than four goals. Cawley, who otherwise had a good game, was twice completely beaten by balls flighted over his head and both times Au Chi-yin just missed the target. Martin in his final game in the Colony did many brilliant things and some that were not nearly so clever, but his long runs upfield frequently left a dangerous gap behind him.

The middle line played well, but up front Henderson and McDowell alone managed to cause any real worry. Mahoney had a couple of good shots, but once again he was woefully slow and inaccurate and Nicholl had a very poor game.

Verdict

Victory went to the better side and the Chinese boys deserved the honours. There must surely be second thoughts among the Services officials after this unexpected display of lack of discipline on the field.

Whatever the provocation — if the players may well feel there was some — behaviour such as we saw last night does no good to the game, to the players concerned... or to their team.

Referee Dalgetty handled the match excellently up to the moment of the outburst... after that he would have been fully justified in applying much heavier punishments.

The Teams

Combined Chinese: Lau Kin-cheung (South China); Szeto Yiu (Kitching); Lau Yee (South China); Chan Fui-hung (Kitching); Lau Tim (KMB); Kwok Kwan-lung (South China); Chu Wing-wah (Kitching); Ho Cheung-yu (South China); Au Chi-yin (Police); Yiu Cheuk-yin (South China); Mok Chun-wah (South China).

Combined Services: McNeil (Army); Martin (RAF); Lamb (Army); Mendum (Army); Cawley (Army); Fook (Army); Henderson (Army); Mahoney (Army); McDowell (Army); McNeil (RAF); Henderson (Army).

Sports Diary

TODAY
Tung Wah Athletic meeting at SCAA stadium, 5.30 p.m.
Admission: 50c, 25c, 10c.
Men's "C" Div. Doubles — St. Stephen's v. R.A.F.; Man Shoung v. Kowloon Tong.
Football: Army Major and Minor Units competitions at 2.10 p.m.

TOMORROW
JUKAAA Executive Committee Meeting, Education Dept., 8.30 p.m.
Men's "C" Div. Doubles — CCC v. INC; Tai Hang v. Indonesian Club.

JEAN BEHRA AND SCHELL JOIN 'BRM' RACING STABLE
London, Dec. 10.
The British "BRM" motor racing stable today signed up crack French driver Jean Behra and American's Harry Schell for the 1958 season and announced it would enter all the Grand Prix and other top sports car races.

Behra and Schell have been technically "unemployed" since their former stable, Italy's Maserati motors, decided to quit racing.
Today's announcement was made by BRM's Director, Raymond Mays, after Behra and Schell had put BRM's 1958 Formula One motor through its paces in the past few days at the BRM factory at Bourn in Lincolnshire.

Behra and Schell, on "loan" from Maserati, drove BRM racers in three events last season. Behra won at Silverstone and Caen and Schell was placed second in a British race. —France-Press.

AFTER LOS ANGELES

Nakamura And One To Compete In Manila
Tokyo, Dec. 10.
The Japanese Golf Championship, Torakichi Nakamura and Koichi Ono, who won the Canada Cup in October this year, will compete in the Sixth "East Coast" Tournament at Manila from January 18 to 19, the Japan Golf Association announced today.

The Association said they would not, however, compete in the Los Angeles Open Tournament from January 2 to 6 in California.

Nakamura, who also won the International Trophy in October, and Ono were invited to compete in the Los Angeles tournament last November 27.

The two Japanese then declined the invitation on the grounds that they could not obtain a Japanese passport unless they had sponsors in the United States to guarantee their expenses. —Reuter.

ROSEWALL LEADS

In Australian Tour Victories
Sydney, Dec. 10.
Lew Hoad beat Frank Sedgman 6-4, 6-4, and Ken Rosewall won from Pancho Segura 6-3, 6-6, in preliminary tennis matches at Bathurst.

Hoad and Rosewall, the Australian "Whiz Kids," teamed in the doubles to defeat Sedgman and Segura, 6-4, 8-1.

Rosewall has an 8-3 record in singles to lead the others on their Australian tour. Segura is 6-5, Hoad 5-6, and Sedgman 3-8. —United Press.

CARMEN BASILIO

Chosen As Best Boxer Of 1957
London, Dec. 10.
The American Boxing Writers Association today unanimously voted World Middleweight Champion Carmen Basilio the best boxer of 1957.

The Association also renewed its officers and elected Ned Brown as President to succeed Nat Folscher, who becomes Secretary-Treasurer. —France-Press.

HOME RUGBY

Twickenham, Dec. 10.
Oxford beat Cambridge 3-0 with a first half try by Coles in the Inter-University Rugby Union match here today. —Reuter.

ARMY SPORTS PARADE

The Wednesday feature, Army Sports Parade, will appear in tomorrow's sports pages.

Brian London Beats American On Points

London, Dec. 10.
Brian London, one of Britain's brightest young heavyweight prospects, scored a notable ten rounds points victory over the experienced American, Howie Turner, at Harringway Arena here tonight.

London, noted for his impetuosity in the ring, restrained himself admirably to prod his way to victory against the massive, fleshy American.

Turner, who has beaten some of the world's ranking heavyweights, and spars regularly with World Champion Floyd Patterson, looked out of condition and ring-rusty after a lay-off of some months.

At 217 lbs.—nearly 14 lbs heavier than London—he was ponderous, clumsy and had little to offer apart from a dangerous looping overhand right. London boxed coolly, picking his punches with care and piling up points with a prodding, left hand for most of the fight.

Richardson Beaten

The Heavyweight Championship aspirations of Welshman Dick Richardson receded further into the background when he was battered to a points defeat by the American, Dol Baker, over ten rounds.

Baker, though only a shadow of the days when he was third contender for world title honours, was still too expert for Richardson, who was exposed as still a comparative novice.

Terry Spinks, Britain's Olympic Flyweight Champion, scored his 11th successive win as a professional by outpointing Malcom McLeod of the Midlands over eight rounds. —Reuter.

DAVIS CUP

Flam In Singles Against Belgium
Bristane, Dec. 11.
Billy Talbot, non-playing captain of the United States Davis Cup team, decided today to stick with unpredictable Harry Flam for the Inter-Zone matches against Belgium.

Although Flam reportedly was suffering a cold, the United States captain announced that the singles assignments against the Belgians, Selxas and Gardnar Mulloy of Denver, Colorado, will team up again in the doubles.

In the draw for tomorrow's opening singles matches, Flam drew Jacques Brichant as his opponent while Selxas plays Philippe Washer. The doubles match will be played on Friday and the final two singles matches are scheduled for Saturday.

The winner of the U.S.-Belgium series will face the defending Champions, Australia, in the Challenge Round at Adelaide, December 20-22. —United Press.

Wallabies Beat Llanelli 9-5
Llanelli, Dec. 10.
Superb forward play in a second half rally enabled Australia's Rugby Union team, the Wallabies, to beat a strong Llanelli side by nine points to five today.

Llanelli, with five Welsh internationals, led 5-0 at half time. Then the Australians exerted their power after the interval.

Llanelli, who had the better of some fierce forward scrums in the first half, took the changes in the second half, through centre three-quarter Dennis Evans, who converted his own try.

Jim Lenehan, a try and a penalty goal, and Don Logan, a try, scored for the Australians.

Lenehan's try was the best of the tour, Roddy Phelps, wing three-quarter, paying the way, with a brilliant 60-yards run. —China Mail Special.

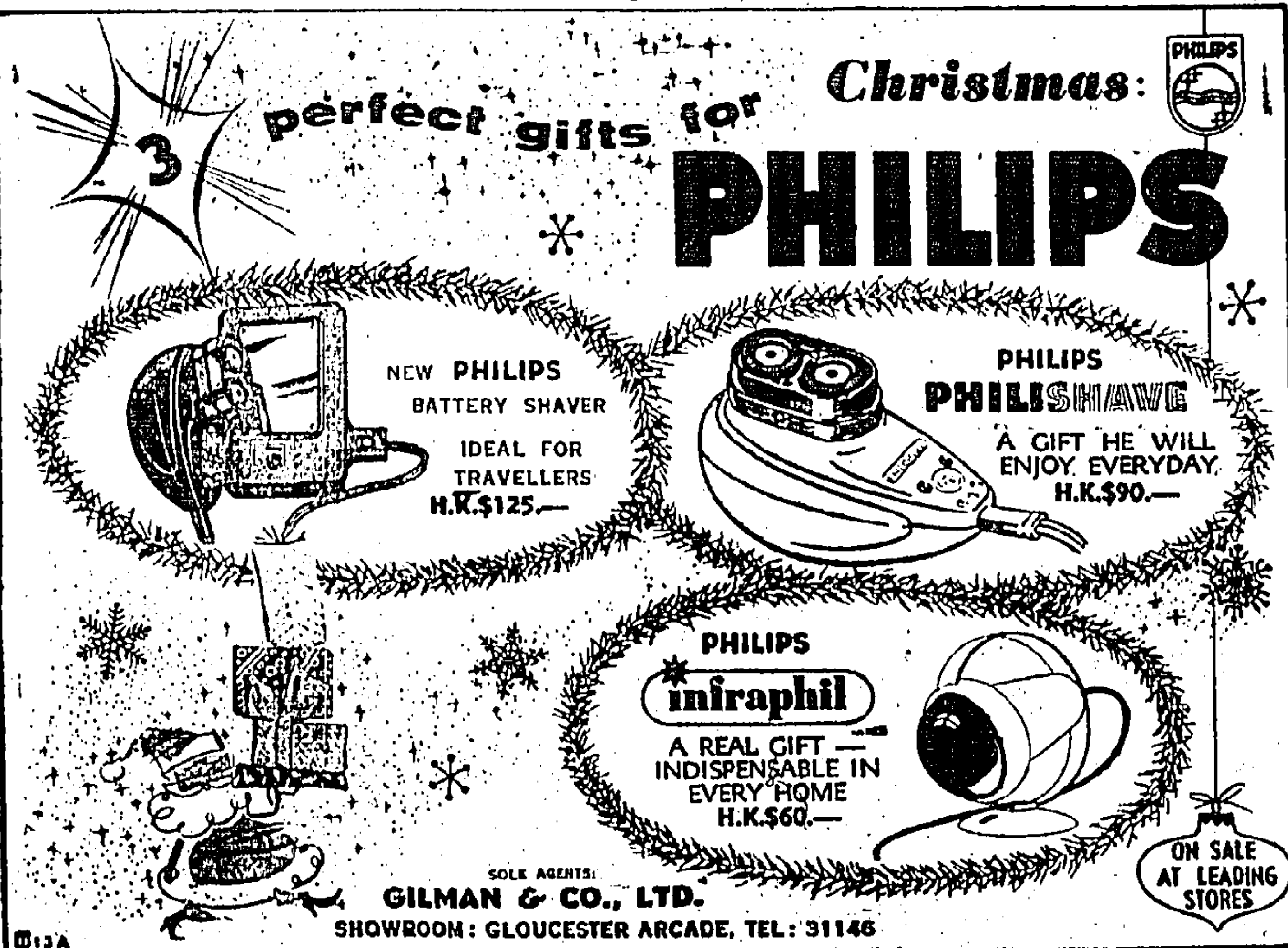
Dai Rees Wins Golf Writers Trophy
London, Dec. 10.
Dai Rees, who in October led Britain to their first Ryder Cup victory over the United States for 24 years, was today named "Golf Writer of the Year" by the British Golf Writers' Association. Rees gained 75 per cent of the votes in the ballot. He will be presented with the Golf Writers' Trophy. —China Mail Special.



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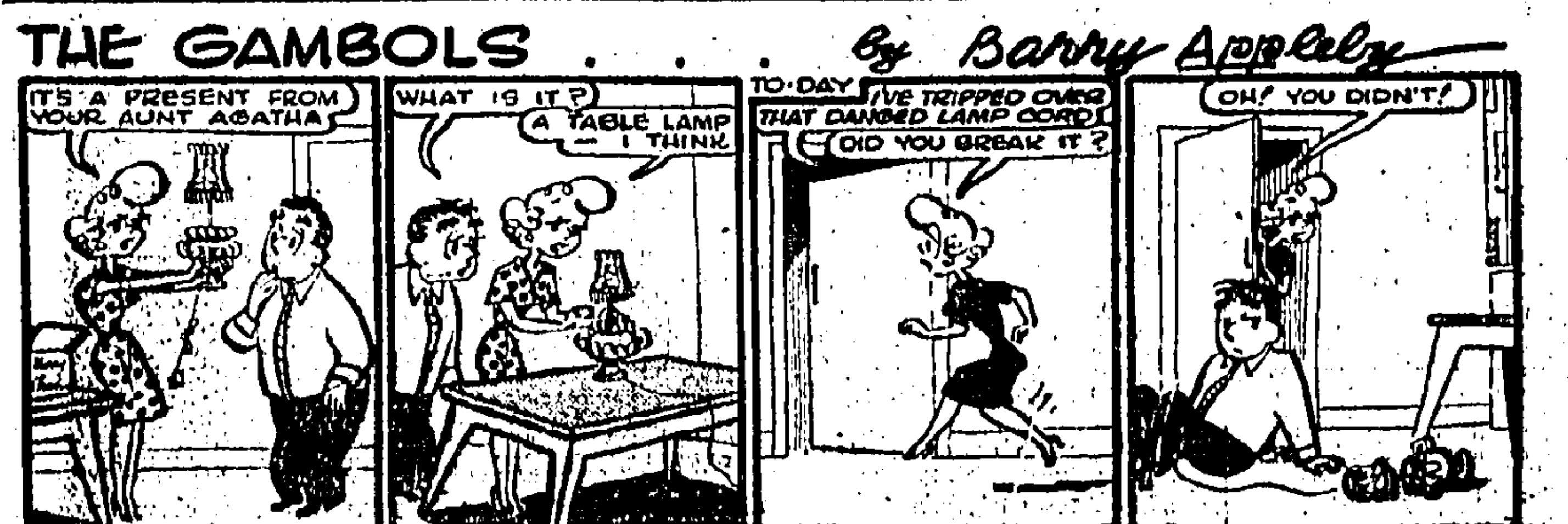
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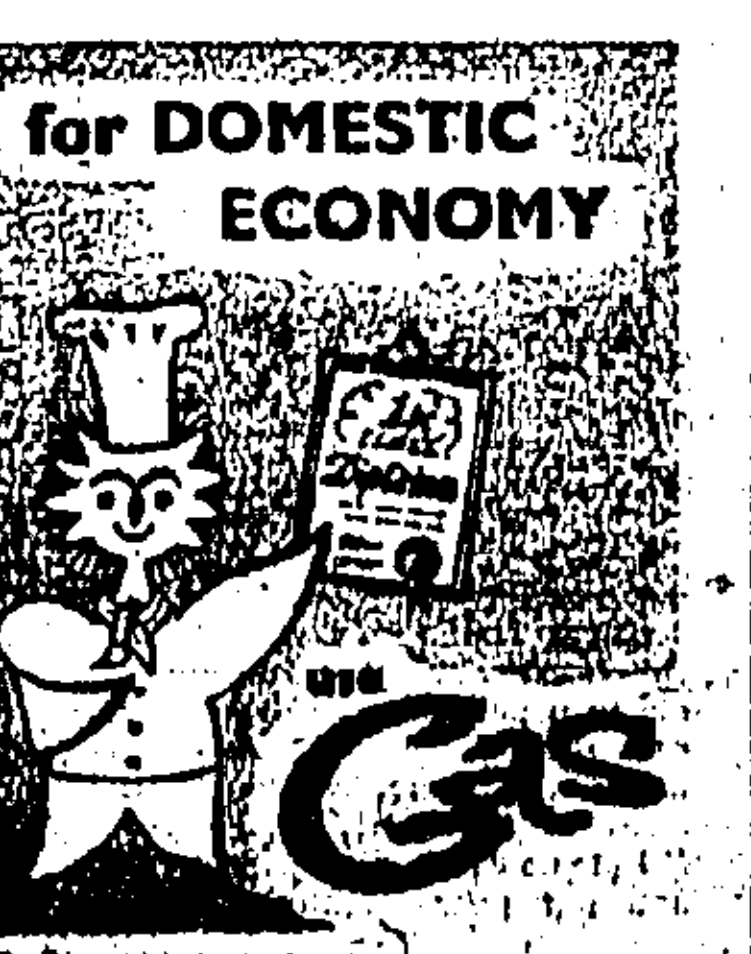
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Mainland To Play Island

Second Division cricketers will meet in a two-day match at Craigongower Cricket Club over the week-end of December 21 and 22. Play will commence at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The teams will be:
Mainland:—K. Hunter (KCC Hornets), F. R. Kermant (KCC Hornets), Richardson (Army North), B. Roach (KCC Hornets), J. T. Hunt (DBS), F. Hunt (KCCVS), H. Carlidge (KCC Hornets), N. Hart-Baker (KCC Hornets), captain, Cunningham (Army North), Jones (KCC Hornets), R. Williams (KCC Hornets). Reserves: Keast (RAF), T. Lo (KCC Hornets). Umpire: Col. R. J. Sheridan.

Island:—Lomax (Army South), Oxford (Army South), E. R. Stevens (DRCC), captain, F. Palmer (DRCC), Arkelle (Army South), N. Gai (Centaur), L. Kitchell (IRC), J. Figg (DRCC), S. A. (small) (IRC), Horsfall (Army South), E. C. Richards (DRCC). Reserves: Danger (Army South) and C. Pope (Police). Umpire: R. F. C. Horwood.

Fijian Cricket Team May Tour England

London, Dec. 10. A Fiji cricket team may tour England in 1959, it was announced today at the annual meeting of County Cricket secretaries at Lord's.

The tour would be in addition to that by India in 1959 and would last two and a half months from July to mid-September. The majority of the matches would be first-class.

The Fijians, who play in bare feet, have twice toured New Zealand, but this would be their first visit to England. The MCC are expected to reach a decision on the tour early next year.—China Mail Special.



His Excellency the Governor receiving a silver statue from the Hon Kwok Chan, President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong, at Government House this morning.—China Mail Photo.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, received a unique present this morning from the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong, of which he is Patron.

The present was a silver statue ensemble depicting the symbol of victory supported by two figures of achievement.

The President of the ASF and OC, the Hon. Kwok Chan, made the presentation at Government House on behalf of all officers and members, as a token of appreciation for all His Excellency had done in promoting the interests of amateur sport in Hongkong.

His Excellency, in reply, paid tribute to the Federation and Committee for launching and guiding the Colony in Olympic and other international competitions.

Participating in the ceremony were representatives of 18 organisations in Hongkong, 15 of which are duly recognised controlling bodies of their respective branches of amateur sport and the other three inaugural members of the Federation.

Officials and the clubs and associations represented at the ceremony were:—Hon. Kwok Chan, President, Amateur Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hongkong; Hon. M. V. Turner, Chairman, Victoria Recreation Club and President, Rifle Association; Hon. C. E. Terry, President, Lawn Bowls Association; Dr. the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues, President, Badminton Association; Mr. A. de O. Sales, Chairman, ASF & OC and President, Amateur Swimming Association; Mr. O. R. Sadick, Hon. Sec. General, ASF & OC and Hon. Treasurer, Rifle Association; Mr. J. S. Lee, Hon. Treasurer, ASF & OC and Chairman, South China Athletic Association; Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Vice-President, ASF & OC and President, Lawn Tennis Association; Mr. P. G. Williams, President, Fencing Association; Mr. A. Nery, Council member, Hockey Association; Mr. Chung Wing-kuang, President, Table Tennis Association; Mr. Ho Kar-lau, Hon. Secretary, Lawn Tennis Association; Mr. C. R. Reid, Hon. Secretary, Boxing Association; Mr. Fung Hon-chu, President, South China Athletic Association; Mr. Ed. A. de Rozas, Hon. Treasurer, Amateur Swimming Association and Hon. Treasurer, Victoria Recreation Club; Mr. M. H. Kwok, Deputy Hon. Secretary, Volleyball Association; Mr. Lai Deun-po, Council member, Miniature Football Association; Mr. S. H. Fung, Hon. Sec. General, Chinese YMCA, and Mr. Andrew Tsang, committee member, Basketball Association.

Mr Kwok Chan, in making the presentation to His Ex-

cellency, said, "This is both a sad and a happy occasion. Like the rest of the community, the sports leaders here are sad because Hongkong is about to lose such an outstanding administrator who is at the same time a brilliant leader by common consent. Like the rest of the community, we are happy that you have met with such remarkable success in your long tenure of gubernatorial office.

"That it is coming to an end at a time when Hongkong is experiencing a high level of prosperity and great rate of progress is the measure of your achievement. That you leave us when Hongkong is enjoying such a favourable reputation for the soundness of its administration and the stability of its institutions is the best heritage you can give to the people.

"This is indeed the first time the sports organisations of Hongkong have come together to do honour to one whose goodwill, support and encouragement have meant so much for the promotion of amateur sport in Hongkong.

"Your Excellency may also look back with no mean pride to the fact that it was during your term of office that Hongkong took part for the first time ever in the Olympic Games. This we did in 1952 and again in 1956. Also, in 1954 we participated in the Asian and the Empire Games.

Tried Hard

"Moreover, this Federation has tried hard to serve the local interests of the sports associations affiliated to it. It has offered them much guidance as was necessary; it has given them every encouragement to advance their respective objects. The Federation has increased in strength and grown in prestige over the years.

"Today we have come together to present you with an appreciation. It is, we believe, a most fitting souvenir of the special esteem and regard this Federation holds for you. Appropriately, it is a symbol of victory supported by two figures of achievement, so characteristic of success in sport. Thus, Sir, in the name of the many sports organisations which this Federation represents, I offer you the time-honoured Olympic laurels.

"I hope, too, that Your Excellency and Lady Grantham will long live in happiness and prosperity.

Symbol Of Bond

His Excellency replied: "You don't know to what extent I appreciate this gift that you have made to me for it symbolises the bond that binds us together. And also I might say that I appreciate your spending the time to come up here this morning.

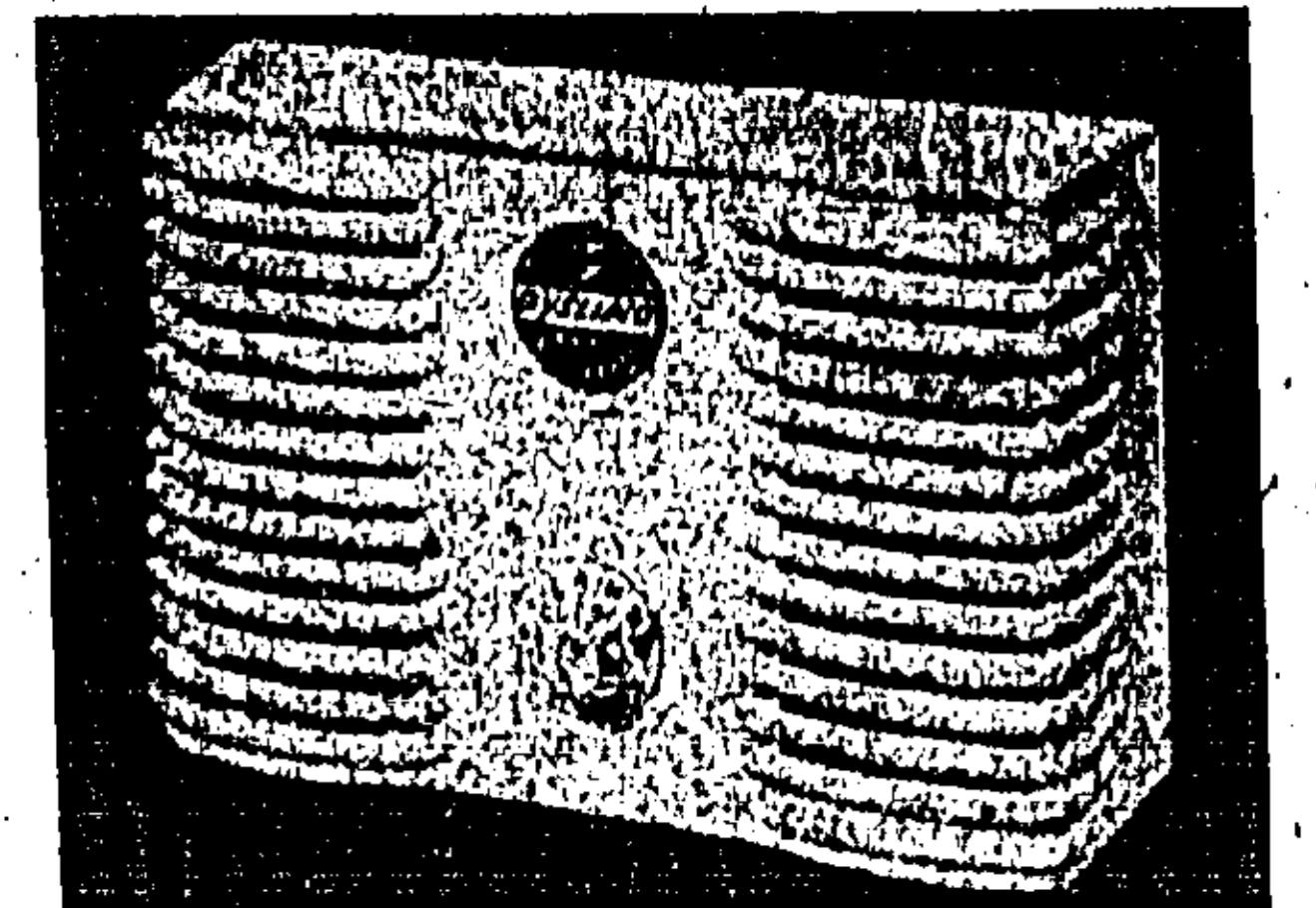
"Now as we all know, sport in Hongkong has increased tremendously—of course, that was already started before the war, but since the war in so many different fields. It was therefore obvious that some form of Federation, and Committee was needed, especially if we were going to compete in Asian, International and Olympic competitions.

"So your Federation and Committee was bound to be a success provided that it did not attempt to dictate, because had that been the case, there would have been a split away from the Federation. But, in the way we do things in Hongkong, there was no dictatorial attitude on your part to your constituent members.

"In your words, Mr Kwok Chan, guidance was the spirit, and I have no doubt whatever that that guidance has been much appreciated and it has certainly helped Hongkong in international sport.

"Now as to the future, I look forward one day to Hongkong achieving a victory or medal in the Olympic Games, but we must remember, and this is particularly applicable to amateur sport, that it is not the victory that matters most but it is the sportsmanship, and I know that this Federation and Committee will always bear that in mind. When that day comes and Hongkong does achieve victory at the Olympic Games, I feel I will have to send back to Hongkong, at any rate, the top part of this lovely trophy. Thank you very much indeed."

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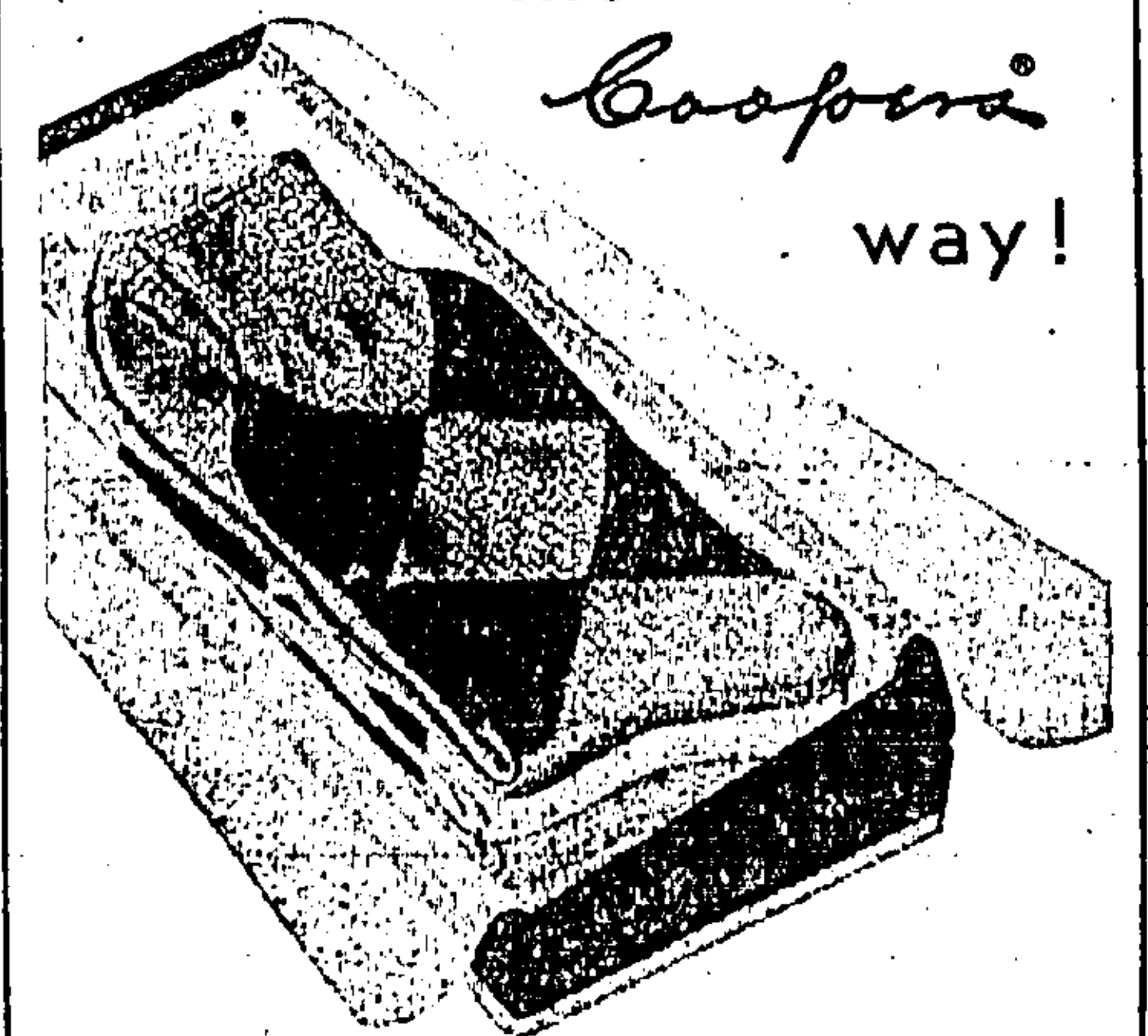
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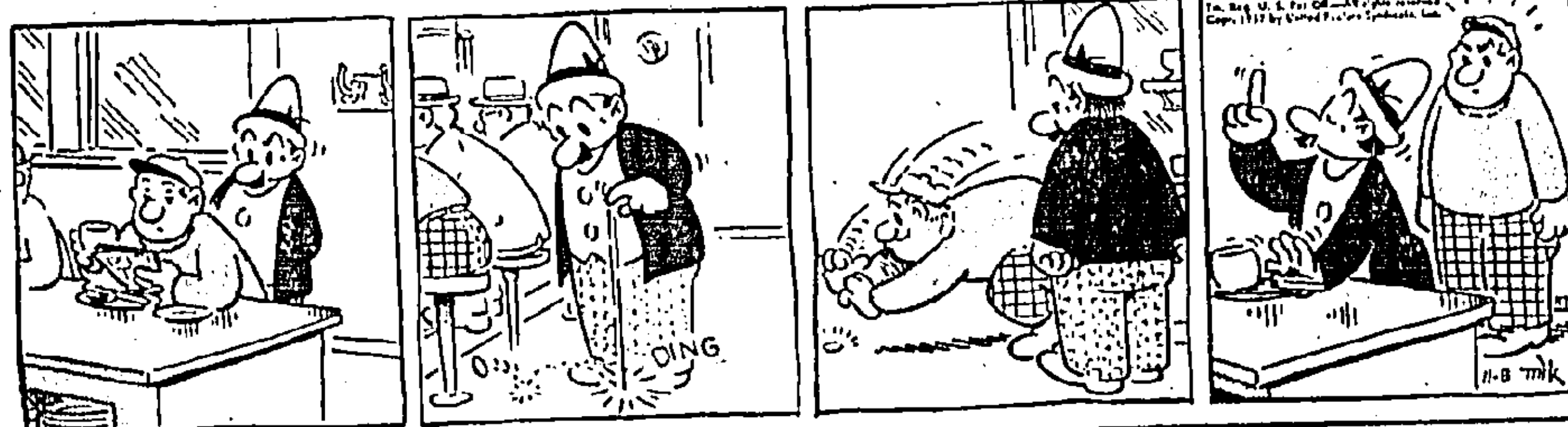
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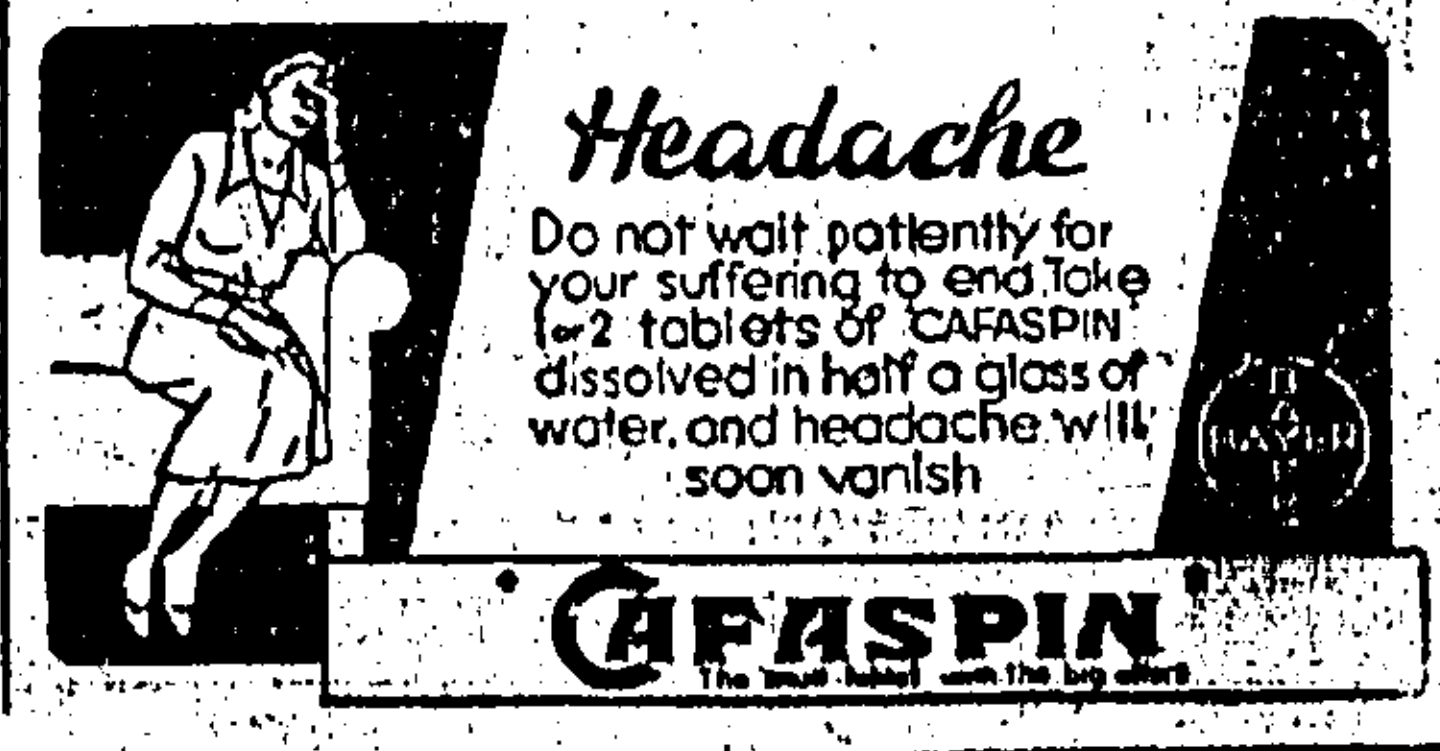
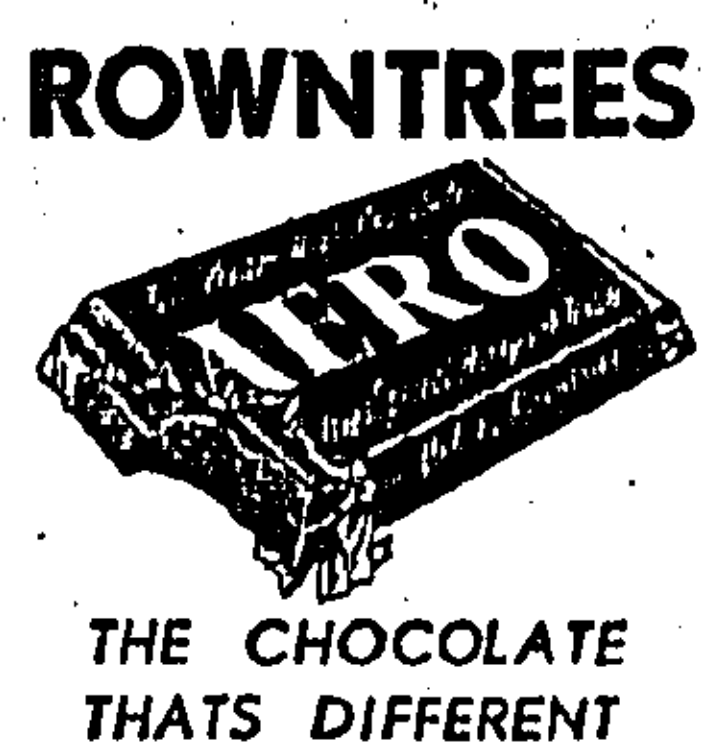
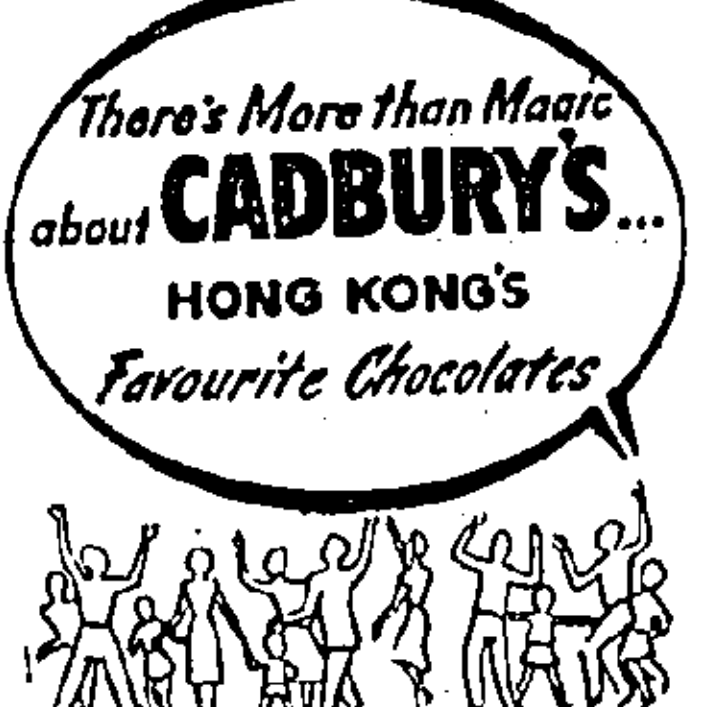
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SHIPPING

BRITISH DIESELS
IN OCEAN YACHT

London. British diesel engines, basically similar to many thousands now in service with road transport organisations throughout the world, are finding a ready market as marine power units.

In New Zealand, the Wellington depot of Leyland Motors Ltd. has recently supplied several diesel engines for installation in fishing vessels as well as for powering an ocean-going yacht.

They are six-cylinder direct-injection units manufactured by Leyland Motors Ltd. and adapted for marine use by Ajax Marine Engines Ltd. of Knutsford.

One yacht that has been fitted with these engines is the "Commodore" owned by Mr. N. W. Thomas, managing director of N. W. Thomas & Co. Ltd., Engineers, Spring Manufacturers and Machinery Merchants of Wellington. It has been fitted with a pair of Ajax Atalanta Mk. III engines, each of which develops 115 b.h.p. at 1,800 r.p.m. These engines are based on the Leyland 6.65 diesel.

BETTER The "Commodore" has an overall length of 73 ft., a 10 ft. beam and 7 ft. draught. The engines, driving through a Self-Changing gearbox with a reduction ratio of 3.6 to 1, give a speed of over 10 knots, which is over two knots better than was achieved by the old power units.

New propellers, propeller shafts, and stern gear have also been supplied by Leyland Motors Ltd. and installed at the shipyard of B. Daniel Ltd. in Shelly Bay, Wellington.

Mr. Thomas originally planned to sail with the "Commodore" to a trip of 18,000 miles, but owing to health reasons has had to postpone it. Instead he is sailing to Australia, via the landward side of the Great Barrier Reef along the east coast and eventually to Brisbane.

Another New Zealand vessel recently fitted with an Ajax Marine engine is the fishing vessel "Morning Star", which is owned by Fishburn Bros., Picton.

A 42-footer with a beam and draught of 12 ft. and 5 ft. respectively, the "Morning Star" is powered by a single Ajax Atalanta Mk. III engine, giving a cruising speed of 8 knots. This vessel is used for line fishing in Cook Strait.

FOREIGN SHARES IN
INDIAN SHIPPING

London. The Government of India is considering a proposal to increase the percentage of foreign participation in shipping, Mr. Raj Bahadur, minister in the Union Ministry of Transport and Communication, told a meeting of the Central Committee of the All India Manufacturers' Organisation.

The minister observed that the Government would tap all possible sources in an effort to secure expansion of shipping tonnage. The present 25 per cent foreign participation would be increased in suitable cases so as to achieve this target, he said.

He expressed satisfaction that the Government had been able to secure foreign participation in shipping, instead of ships awaiting berths, berths were awaiting ships.

Welcoming the minister, Mr. E. S. Mason, chairman of the Manufacturers' Organisation, pleaded that the Government should not hesitate to accept equity capital from foreign sources.

Mr. Hajji said that, in case the World Bank fell short of the requirements of Indian shipping, India should tap private foreign investment sources.

A SHIP HANGER

Wellington. The engineer of Bluff Harbour, New Zealand, Mr. D. E. S. Mason, has been asked by the Harbour Board to investigate the practicability of erecting a glassed-in hangar capable of sheltering two large ships for all-weather loading.

This is part of a £2.5 million reconstruction programme at the port. If the proposal is accepted, the hangar will span two berths on an inland harbour now under construction.

The idea is based on the Brighton hangar at Tilton, near Bristol, England, built to house experimental aircraft of 230 feet (about 80 metres) wing-span.

ROLLS-ROYCE'S
NEW TURBO-JET

London. Rolls-Royce Limited announce that the Rolls-Royce Conway R.Co.11 by-pass turbo-jet has completed an official British Ministry of Supply Type Test in accordance with the combined US/UK type test schedule at a declared dry rating of 17,250-lb thrust.

An official Ministry of Supply letter of approval is in course of preparation.

A large part of the type test was actually run at a substantially higher thrust figure and at a specific fuel consumption believed to be lower than that of any type-tested military jet engine in the world.

As previously announced, the rating of the Conway for Civil Aircraft is 16,500-lb thrust and the Military test exceeds this by a satisfactory margin.

The Civil and Military engines are the same basic engine; there are differences in features to suit individual installations.

The Military Conway will power the Handley Page Victor B. Mk. 2.

Last month, the Air Registration Board confirmed that the Rolls-Royce Conway engine had successfully completed a 150-hour test run in accordance with the combined US/UK dry Type Test Schedule at a dry take-off rating of 16,500-lb thrust.

LIGHT The Conway is lighter in weight, has a lower fuel consumption and is more economical to operate than competing jet engines. Conway engines are already undergoing an intensive flight development programme. Development of the Conway continues and later versions will have more thrust and improved fuel consumption.

For operations serving tropical areas, liquid injection is an optional feature for the purpose of restoring take-off thrust under high temperature conditions.

The first Military Conways are in production and Civil Conways will be delivered to Boeing and Douglas in the summer of 1958.

For civil operation the Conway has been ordered by Trans-Canada Air Lines for their Douglas DC-8s and by Air India International Corporation for their Boeing 707s and Boeing 747s.

The 35 Vickers VC-10s ordered by British Overseas Airways Corporation will also be Conway-powered.

ATOM-POWERED
GIANT TANKER

London, Dec. 10. An atomic-powered submarine tanker larger than most luxury liners "is a possibility within five years," the director of a tanker firm planning such a ship said here today.

E. A. E. Nichols, Roth, managing director of Gel Tankers, said an agreement had been reached with a Swiss firm of naval architects for investigation of such submarine tankers on a commercial basis.

The firm of Malmstrom S.A., Geneva, will design the 88,000-ton ship, with Gel Tankers acting as consulting engineers, Nichols-Roth said.

"Preliminary investigations could be completed within six months," he said. "We know the project is possible. The question is whether it will be commercial."

Nichols-Roth also announced that three 88,000-ton surface super-tankers will be built for the firm in Sweden and Japan—United Press.

TELEVISION AS
A LOOK-OUT

Tongberg. A television system is to be used for the first time on a ship as a look-out in the 20,000-ton tanker, Melline, which has been launched by Golværken, Golværken, for A/S Tanktransport, of Tongberg.

The camera will be fitted in the forecast of the vessel with a view forward. The officer on watch in the navigating bridge, about 100 metres aft, will be able to see on a television screen the same view as that of a look-out on the forecast.

This system, if it proves successful, could have a wide application in view of the prevailing trend in all tankers of placing the bridge aft. It could give considerable help to a pilot navigating such a ship in difficult waters.

New Steel Selling Drive
In New York Stock Mart

New York, Dec. 10. A new selling drive in steel shares marred what might have been a substantial recovery movement in stocks today. The market was depressed at the opening, sank further until mid-session when it met support that brought prices up from the lows. Then the steels fell further and the rally petered out.

Losses in the steels, all of which made new lows, extended to more than 2 points in such issues as Armco, Inland and Youngstown Sheet & Tubes.

Bath Iron Works was forced down in the shipbuilders. Oils lost fractions to more than a point. Chemicals were hit but held above their lows of the day.

Motors fell with losses running to more than a point. Metals lost 1 to more than 2 points. Rails slipped back steadily. Special issues showed losses running to more than 5 points in Addressograph.

Trading picked up compared with yesterday's sales total.

Of a total 1,190 issues traded, 664 were lower, 297 higher, 229 unchanged.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$5,510,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 720,000.

New York Stock volume was 2,360,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 439.24

20 Rails 166.98

15 Utilities 143.80

40 Bonds 162.24

Comm. future price index 162.24

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals 73.94

Am. Brake Shoe 25.18

Am. Can. 15.18

Am. Cable & Radio Corp. 11.18

Am. Cyanamid 11.18

Am. & Foreign Power 38.18

Am. Gas & Electric 38.18

Am. Mach. 13.18

Am. Metal 13.18

Am. Smelting 30.18

Am. Sugar 30.18

Am. T. & T. 10.18

Am. Tobacco 25.18

Am. Union 25.18

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THE NEW YORK
COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 10. Independent strength in the spot December delivery featured a moderately active and mixed trade today in cotton futures.

All current crop deliveries rose to new seasonal highs. With December contracts up more than 2.50 a bale on covering following the prompt absorption of delivery cotton and despite a sharp increase in the certificated stock.

Prices ruled net one to 40 points higher at the close. The market opened up 2 to 4 points. New Orleans closed off 5 to up 2 points.

December went to a 15-point premium over March compared with an 18-point discount at the previous close. Trading in current December contracts will end in the noon hour on Thursday.

Open contracts today totaled 26,700 bales. The certificated stock rose 2,037 to 14,271 bales. March contracts followed on a rise to around the 30¢ level, making increased offer-ings through Houston spot interest, which were coupled with hedging operations against recent purchases out of the government stock.

Selling in later deliveries accompanied a more favourable government weekly crop summary. Mostly dry sunny weather permitted harvesting of the remainder of the crop, although many fields were not dry enough for machines to operate.

Final harvesting of the remainder of the crop generally made good progress in Oklahoma and Texas, especially in Western Texas where gins operated around the clock with cotton still piled up in some gins.

Prices moved irregularly from the opening, influenced by the London cable and increased shipment offerings at attractive prices.

First impact of the Indonesian situation appeared to have waned off, commentators said, although they conceded the "situation is still nebulous."

In the shipment market, a "good-sized" tonnage was reported worked, including one sheet out of Indonesia, Dec/Jan shipment at 20¢ cents, cost and freight. Also five sheets out of Thailand at 24¢ cents and four sheets at 27¢ cents a pound, cost and freight.

Domestic consumer interest continued on the cautious side. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted at 30¢ cents, nominal.

LONDON The rubber market was steady with spot quoted at 25½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot: 25½-25½. Jan: 25½-25½. Feb: 25½-25½. Mar: 25½-25½. Apr: 25½-25½. May: 25½-25½. Jun: 25½-25½. Jul: 25½-25½. Aug: 25½-25½. Sep: 25½-25½. Oct: 25½-25½. Nov: 25½-25½. Dec: 25½-25½.

AMSTERDAM The rubber market was easier. Prices closed today in futures per kilogram, cif Dec, as follows:

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STERLING SILVER TIP

CASUALTIES IN IFNI FIGHTING

Madrid, Dec. 10.
Spain lost only 62 men killed and 125 wounded in the first 17 days of the fighting in Sidi Ifni, an official statement claimed today.

The statement was the first official indication of Spanish losses in the fighting which has raged the tiny west African enclave for the past two weeks.

Disident Moroccan nationalists have attacked Spanish forces in Sidi Ifni, claiming they are "liberating" the enclave from foreign domination. Spain was given sovereignty over Sidi Ifni almost 100 years ago by the Sultan of Morocco.

CO-ORDINATED

Today's communiqué from the Ministry of the Army said Spanish forces were preparing a "co-ordinated action" against the tribesmen.

"All Spanish isolated posts have been withdrawn in order that the co-ordinated action might be taken," the communiqué said.

"In the past 48 hours the new disposition of troops has been completed that will permit our columns adequate control of the territory by the most convenient means," United Press.

BURGLER

Cash and jewellery to the value of \$1,340 was stolen from No. 4, Li Po Lung Terrace, second floor, Kennedy Town, between 7.30 p.m. and 8.20 p.m. yesterday.

The Police state that the front door of the house and a desk drawer had been forced open.

TRAIN PLATFORM CLOSED FOR PRINCESS Official Decision Causes Public Demonstration

Dundee, Dec. 11.

A man unable to farewell a sister leaving for Nairobi because a railway platform was closed for the departure of Princess Margaret today sent a letter of protest to the Princess.

Mr Mark Paterson was one of 50 people who were refused platform tickets because of the impending departure for London of the Queen's sister.

The crowd demonstrated at the time and Mr Paterson expressed their views in a letter to the Princess and Mr Joan Macleay, Secretary for Scotland. In his letter to Princess Margaret, Mr Paterson said: "I wish to appeal to your sense of humanity and fair play to try and ensure that fellow travellers on British railways are in future not denied the right to wave a fond farewell from the platform."

Not Responsible

"I am well aware that you are in no way directly responsible for such unreasonable regulations."

"I appeal to you, if at all possible, to do all you can to prevent future heart-burning and tears."

In his letter to the Secretary for Scotland, Mr Paterson said his relations, friends and himself were subject to "revolving treatment" by officials at the station. They were there to see his sister and her baby daughter off to Nairobi.

He added: "Imagine our horror and shock when we were abruptly told under no circumstances would anyone be allowed on the platform excepting bona fide passengers on the night express—simply because royalty chose to travel on a regular express."

Simple Matter

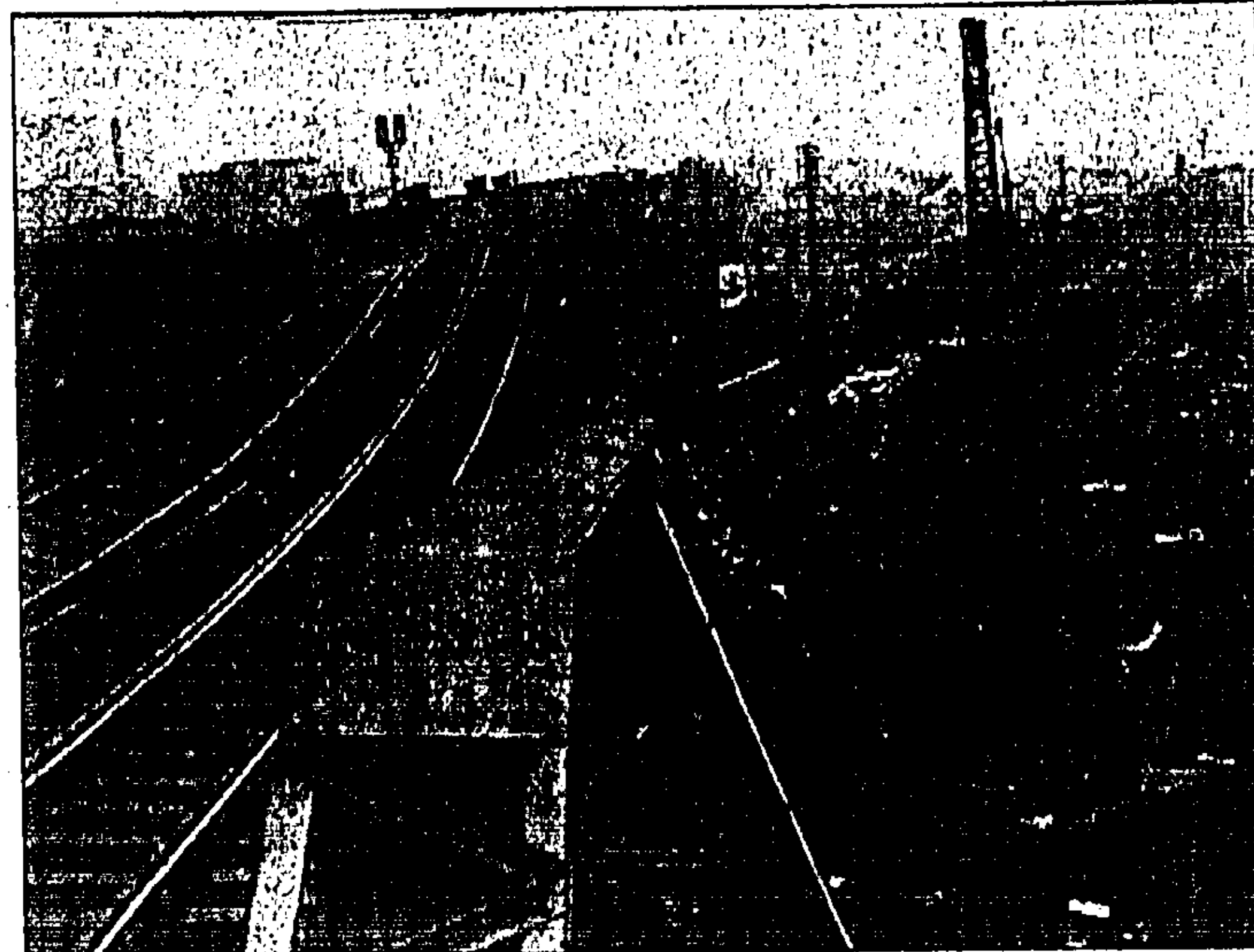
"Surely it was a simple matter to erect a rope barrier around the area they would use, if such a precaution is at all necessary. 'I appeal to you to do all in your power to prevent such a serious situation occurring in future.'—Reuter.

New Benlomond

The Benlomond, the sixth ship of her name belonging to the Ben Line, arrived here from the United Kingdom this morning.

The vessel is the ninth ship specially built for the Ben Line since 1945 by Messrs Charles Connell and Co., Ltd. She is under the command of Captain W. C. Wilson who has been in the service of the Ben Line for more than 30 years. The local agent for the vessel is Messrs W. R. Loxley and Co., Ltd.

THIS WAS A RAILWAY BRIDGE



This is the first clear picture of the Lewisham triple-train disaster after the fog had lifted last Friday, showing the collapsed fly-over bridge with workmen below clearing the wreckage after the bridge had been partly shored up. The latest death toll is 89.—Keystone.

BAGDAD PACT MOSLEMS CALL FOR NATO SUPPORT

Ankara, Dec. 10.

The Foreign Ministers of the Bagdad Pact's Moslem countries called for support from Nato today.

They were reported to have agreed that by supporting the so-called "northern tier" Middle East group, Nato could assure peace and security for the area.

The Ministers were said to have placed the matter of Nato's relationship with the Bagdad Pact at the top of a list of matters they wished considered at the forthcoming top level Nato conference in Paris.

The Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, Iraq and Iran took the position at a meeting called by their Turkish opposite number.

Turkey is the only Moslem nation that is a member of both the Bagdad group and Nato. Britain also belongs to both.

Briefing

Today's session was by way of a briefing for the Turkish Foreign Minister, Fatih Zorlu, prior to the Nato meeting. It was intended to enable him to present the co-ordinated views of the group to Nato.

The visitors, who also will meet Mr Zorlu tomorrow, were Pakistan's Malik Feroz Khan Noon, Iran's Aliqoli Ardalan and Iraq's Laili Munia.

There was no official announcement following today's meeting, but sources said it was opened by a speech by Premier Adnan Menderes calling for the visiting Foreign Ministers' views.—United Press.

CAR MOVED

A private car parked in Jaffe Road on Monday night was moved without the knowledge of the owner to Causeway Bay, outside the Victoria Park, where the car's battery was stolen.

The lamp glasses were stolen from a car parked in Tai Hang Road on Monday night.

Knocked Down

A five-year-old Chinese girl, Chu Lin-ying, living at No. 308, Fourth Section, Chun Yuen Residential Area, Wong Tai Sin, was knocked down and seriously injured by a cyclist at about 3.30 pm yesterday.

The injured girl is receiving treatment at the Kowloon Hospital.

GOLD NUGGET TURNED UP ON A TABLE

London, Dec. 10.

A GOLD nugget presented to one of England's kings and "lost" some years ago has been found almost on the royal table.

The nugget, weighing nearly 100 ounces, was presented by the people of New Zealand to King George the Fifth at his coronation. It was found in 1910 and was presented at Buckingham Palace by the then New Zealand Prime Minister, Sir Joseph Ward.

These years ago an unsuccessful search was made for the nugget. Museums including the Geological and Victoria and Albert—both in London—checked their records without success.

More recently searches were made at both Buckingham and Windsor Palaces—and the mystery was solved. Officials found a record of the nugget being converted to spoons and forks in 1910 along with other gold items.—China Mail Special.

POCKET CUT

A Chinese woman has reported to the Police that someone cut her pocket in the Homanin Market yesterday morning and stole money and a gold chain to the value of \$58.

DUKE HAS LUNCH WITH HK STUDENT

Farnborough, Dec. 10.

The Duke of Edinburgh today visited the power jet school of the Gas Turbine Technology and Consultancy Department here.

Experts demonstrated for him a new type of engine which makes use of pressure waves to boost power output. One of the six students who had lunch with the Duke was Chinese-born Robert K. W. Suen from Hongkong.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I wanted to stay at a motel, but you know how congenial Bob is—always enjoys surprising old friends we haven't seen for years!"

GAILLARD AVERTS CRISIS

Paris, Dec. 10.

Premier Felix Gaillard's Government narrowly averted a crisis here tonight by reaching a Cabinet agreement on the problem of new wage increases for Civil Service workers.

Socialist Ministers in the Government have been pressing for the wage increases and have threatened to resign if they are not given some sort of satisfaction.

After the meeting the Finance Minister Pierre Fillard, told reporters the Government had agreed to grant Civil Service workers salary increases totaling 74,000 million francs (US\$176 million).

M. Fillard said the money would be raised through increased economies in Government expenditures.

The raises will be granted, he said, on a staggered system beginning on January 1, 1958, and extending through next November.—United Press.

PAKISTANI PREMIER'S NEW PLAN

Karachi, Dec. 11.

The Pakistani Prime Minister, Mr Ismail Chundrigar, is expected to introduce controversial legislation to change the country's electoral system when Parliament resumes its autumn session here today.

The four-party Coalition Government has been split over the Prime Minister's plans to divide the electorate—now organized without distinctions—according to religion.

The Republican Party, the strongest in the Coalition, precipitated a crisis several weeks ago by objecting to the plan. Its present stand is not clear.

Pakistan's first general elections will be held next year.—Reuter.

Entry Permit But It Was No Use

Singapore, Dec. 10.

A Dutch engineer, armed with Indonesian entry permits from Indonesian Embassies in both the Hague and Paris, was nevertheless ordered out of Djakarta immediately. It was learned here today.

Engineer M. Johannes was forced to leave Djakarta 24 hours after his arrival from Amsterdam.

With his wife, Johannes obtained entry permits from two Indonesian Embassies to make sure Indonesian authorities would make an exception to their ruling that no Dutch nationals could enter the country.

DISSEMBARK

He flew from Amsterdam to Djakarta by Garuda on Sunday and was allowed to disembark at Djakarta. But Indonesian authorities refused to allow him to remain, and ordered him to leave within 24 hours.

He and his wife returned here yesterday. Johannes himself could not be reached, but J. H. Deboer, KLM catering manager in Amsterdam, who travelled on the same plane, said Johannes went to Djakarta to do a building job for the Indonesian Government.—United Press.

Opium Protocol

United Nations, Dec. 10.

Ceylon has acceded to the UN Opium protocol which limits cultivation of the poppy plant and opium production and trade. It was announced today. Twenty-five other countries have acceded to or ratified the protocol.

Ceylon also acceded to the convention for the suppression of illicit traffic in dangerous drugs.—United Press.

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SERIOUS injuries to her head and body were received by Pong Sze-mul, 31, of 105 Wuhu Street, who was caught in the belt of a saw mill at the Tuen Mau Saw Mill, Winslow Street. She was in a serious condition when taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

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L. R. Andrews, with a handicap of three accomplished an amazing feat in the Begay Pool on the old course at Fanning when he won with a score of seven up. There were 39 other entries.

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CAPTAIN Jones who is in charge of Arnold and Company's aviation department, has reached double figures in the sale of aeroplanes to the Canton Air Force. The latest order is for three Tiger Moth advanced training machines, complete with machine-guns, camera guns, bomb racks and wireless set.

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The generous contribution of \$75 from the proceeds of the Diocesan Girls' School bazaar brings the Sek Lung Lepers' Christmas dinner to a total of well over \$500.

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REAR Admiral Y. K. Liu, from the Whampoa Naval Academy, together with eight officers and cadets from the Navy Department, and six officers and students from the Military Academy, are at present in Hongkong. The party will proceed to sea in HMS Hermes either today or tomorrow to witness aircraft exercises, especially those relating to the taking off and landing on an aircraft carrier.

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WASHINGTON: An abortive attempt to impeach President Hoover in connection with his memorandum on the War debts of last year was made and defeated today in the House by a vote of 361 to eight.

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CANTON: Over 20 passengers including some women were injured when the Shin Cheung-Canton towboat, Luo Cheung, owned by the Lien Yick Company, foundered after striking a rock in the Canton River. Damage to the cargo and vessel amounted to over \$100,000.

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TOKYO: Japanese scouting regiments soon may be ringing over the surfaces of frozen Manchurian rivers in chase of Chinese guerrillas, according to reports in the vernacular press.

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NANKING: In an interview with Press correspondents today Mr Chu Ming-yu, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, confirmed the fact that Mr Sun Fo has consented to assume the post of President of the Executive Yuan.

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It is learned from the Municipal Bureau of Public Works in Canton that the opening of the Ho Chi Bridge across the Pearl River, which was provisionally fixed for New Year's Day, 1958, will have to be postponed owing to the fact that there will be a delay in the installation of the apparatus operating the movable span of the bridge. The opening will now take place on January 15.

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SMART police work, following an unarmed highway robbery in Wanchai yesterday, resulted in the arrest of two men and a woman, who are alleged to have accosted Tan Shuen along Tai Wo Street and robbed him of \$300.

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The Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department reports that the total imports of merchandise into the Colony in the month of November amounted to \$47.4 million as compared with \$60.3 million last year, while the exports totalled \$41.7 million compared with \$45.2 million the previous year.